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Thank you to Peter Feick for providing photographs of the SAC Pool Party, which took place on August 19. An article about the event appears on page 15. The Villager welcomes photo submissions, which must be emailed as high-resolution jpeg images to Villager Editor Carol King at cking@oronoquevillage.com. Villager article submissions should be emailed to cking@oronoquevillage.com as either text attachments or with text pasted into the body of an email.



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REMINDER TO CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS: RSVPS FOR RESIDENTS TAKE PRIORITY

When planning social events that require preregistration or prepayment, OV clubs, committees and groups are reminded that RSVP dates for residents must be established before allowing nonresidents to attend an OV function (with the exception of a companion/guest for a single OV resident).

The following rule was approved by the OVCA Board of Directors and is published in the Handbook of Rules & Regulations: *Organizations using the Club Houses for events which require reservations must establish a cut-off date for resident priority. The one exception to this is a single resident who wishes to include one guest (non-resident). After the cut-off date, non-resident guests may be included in a resident reservation if space is available.*

A LETTER FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR OV CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS—— PLEASE READ

Dear Clubs and Organizations of Oronoque Village,

As you may be aware, with the addition of new clubs in our Village and the robust social calendar of many groups, finding dates on the calendar for events can be very challenging.

On Aug. 15, at the OVCA Board meeting, a new rule was approved to assist with this process.

The House Committee will facilitate a meeting for clubs and organizations that book events on the calendar. The purpose of this meeting will be to collaborate and find acceptable dates for events. One representative from each organization is requested to attend the meeting with proposed event dates (and alternates) for the 2024 calendar year.

Your group should plan out your proposed event dates BEFORE this meeting. Please note that organizations/clubs that have had a historically ongoing scheduled date/time for their events each month are given priority for those dates/times and do not need to attend (ex: Bingo, Book Club, Funseekers, Karaoke, etc). However, written activity request forms (no emails) MUST be filled out by everyone and handed into the Business Office in order for events to be formalized on the calendar.

The decisions made at the Oct. 11 meeting will be binding and used as a starting point for scheduling starting on Nov. 1 by the Business Office staff. If your group is not represented at the meeting, you will still be able to sched-

ule dates on the calendar starting on Nov. 1, but dates scheduled at this meeting will have priority.

The rationale is to provide an opportunity for all OV groups to work collaboratively to schedule dates for 2024 without having everyone rushing to the office on Nov. 1 in competition with each other.

IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE BE CERTAIN THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION IS REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING. This meeting will take some time to accomplish the task, so please be patient.

WHEN: Wednesday, Oct. 11

WHERE: NCB Ballroom

TIME: 2:00 p.m. (Meeting will start promptly)

If you are not sure if your group needs to attend or if you have questions, please call me at 860-309-0392.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Dwyer
House Committee Chair

For your information: Significant Jewish holidays in 2024: First two days of Passover: April 22-24; Rosh Hashanah: Oct 2-4; Yom Kippur Oct. 11-12.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The League of Women Voters (LWV) is a nonpartisan organization (of women and men) that encourages informed and active participation in government. Residents are invited to attend an informational meeting presented by the LWV Oronoque Study Group on Thursday, Sept. 28, from 4-5 p.m. in the NCB front card room. For details, contact Marge Heffel, Oronoque resident and LWVCT treasurer, at 203-913-5695 or mcheffel@gmail.com.

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, scarfs 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.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT N2N: NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR CLUB?

N2N is a comprised of OV residents who offer helping hands to fellow residents who would like assistance with daily tasks and/or will benefit from increased social interaction with fellow Villagers.

Would you like a friendly visit just to chat or hang out? Could you benefit from a helping hand in finding services? Would you like a sounding board in solving problems? Could you use help with light shopping and other errands?

Call or text N2N at 203-479-0107, Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m, or leave a message.

SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB PROPOSED

Want to shuffle? Shuffleboard, that is! Bill Alletzhauer is interested in starting "The Shuffleboarders," an OV shuffleboard club. There are several interested players, some funding, strong management interest and House Committee approval.

Now, he needs to find potential members and to gauge resident interest level. If you are interested, contact Bill at 203-521-1287 or balletzhauer@gmail.com. (He is not collecting names, but he is looking for a sense of interest.)

VIDEOGRAPHER WANTED!

Do you have a closet full of home videos? How about several bureau drawers full, or plastic bins? Do you have some expertise digitally capturing your family and friends?

We are hoping you will volunteer to help us with taking some videos of activities here in Oronoque Village. Please email Mary von Ziegesar: MvonZ@optonline.net for information.

CALL FOR ART, OCTOBER 3



The OV Arts Guild will install a new Galerie OV show on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at SCB from 10-11 a.m. This will be a show featuring paintings, sculptures and drawings only, with the theme of "Artists Pick." Each artist is asked to bring two to three original artworks...any topic, any style. Submissions can include paintings of all kinds as well as digital art that is not a photograph and multimedia pieces. Artists who have pieces in the current show may pick those up at the same time.

Hanging art must be securely wired across the back of the piece and sculptures will be placed on pedestals. The maximum size for hanging artwork is 33-inches wide by 40-inches long.

Two information forms will need to be filled out for each submission. To receive a form by email, or if you have questions, contact Barbara Stewart at barbsmt@yahoo.com. Forms also will be available on-site on Oct. 3.

The opening reception for this show will be Sunday, Oct.15, at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

Photography will be featured in the winter art show in January, along with fiber art and other crafts.

GOOD TIMES CLUB BUS TRIP DEC. 5 TO AQUA TURF CLUB

The Good Times Club invites residents to participate in an "amazing" day trip to see The Diamonds sing their million-selling hit, "Little Darlin'."

Sit back and relax as a bus departs at 10:15 a.m. from SCB to Aqua Turf in Plantsville for a delicious lunch, consisting garden salad, pasta, chicken parmesan, scrod with stuffing, vegetables, potato, rolls, dessert and beverage followed by a performance by The Diamonds. The bus will return to SCB by 4:30 p.m.

Reservations are required. A check, for \$120, payable to Good Times should be placed in the club's mailbox at NCB. (Gratuities included.)

Deadline to sign up is Nov 1. Questions? Call Mary Ann Weaver at 203-530-9962.

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PAVING PROJECT UPDATE: 2023 PROGRAM

By Jonathan Towle, Tax District Road Chair

As many residents are aware, we will be continuing our paving project in the fall of 2023. We have met with our contractor, Burns Construction, and we have been assured that this year the schedule will be adhered to and the work will be completed on time.

The work will begin during the last week of September with infrastructure repairs to Dakota Lane, which has experienced severe flooding problems. We will also be paving several driveways and walkways, including the walkway at the NCB pool.

Road paving will commence on the week of Oct. 16. We will be paving the following roads, including driveways and curbs: Dakota Lane, Montauk Lane, Ottawa Lane, Sequoia Lane, Creek Lane, 103 cul-de-sac, 86 cul-de-sac. The work is expected to be continuous, and should be finished by early November.

Residents of the affected roads will be notified when their road is expected to be paved.

We do our best to avoid inconvenience, but newly paved roads have to set for 24 hours before residents can drive on them. Those impacted can park their cars in the SCB parking lot if they consider it necessary. OV

A SONG FOR AN UNSUNG HERO

Story by Katie Olive and Mary Ellen Boyd

Photo by Mary Ellen Boyd

Oronoque Villagers enjoy many advantages; however, the Southside residents have a special one: the services of a dedicated public servant, United States Postal Service (USPS) Mail Carrier Danny Dufresne. Danny, as he is known to all, is celebrating 50 years of making life easier and sometimes safer for the rest of us.

Danny grew up in Stratford and, upon graduation from high school, joined the Navy. After hours of testing and vetting, he was assigned to the submarine division and, for the next four years, spent many months and many miles below the surface of the ocean.

Upon his discharge, he attended Southern Connecticut College and then joined the USPS where he worked himself up from a part-timer to a permanent, full-time mail carrier.

In 1993, he was offered the Oronoque Village southside route and was advised by the carrier he would replace to take the assignment, telling him, "Once you figure out the address system here, you will enjoy the work."

Danny took him up on it and has never looked back. He has had some memorable times in Oronoque. Once, when delivering her late husband's ashes to an Oronoque widow, she asked him to please come in and open the package for her. Danny explained that he was not allowed to do more than deliver the mail and made a quick exit.

On another occasion, the morning after a fierce snowstorm, Danny drove his truck slowly through an Oronoque lane, noticing a huge snowdrift in front of one of the garage doors. Just then, the garage door opened, the owner waved, lost his footing, fell into the snowbank and was buried. Danny jumped out of his truck, dug the fellow out and made a friend for life.



Having spent 30 of his 50 years of government service here at Oronoque, he has made many friends and earned admiration for his outstanding service. He has a smile for everyone, goes the extra mile to deliver packages to our doors, rings our bells to tell us they are here and helps us straighten out any misdirected mail. No one could do it better.

The USPS will honor Danny for his 50 years of service this month during an employees-only ceremony. We can honor him by letting him know how much we truly appreciate his thoughtful and friendly service over these many years. OV

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ACTIVITIES

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BOCCE

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

DOLLCRAFTERS

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

CURRENT EVENTS

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

DROP-IN BRIDGE

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

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

LINE DANCING

• Line dancing classes are held on Wednesdays at NCB. Beginner classes are held at 9:30 a.m., followed by a class for all levels at 10 a.m. Call Sonya DeBiase at 202-377-1515 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.

QUILTING GROUP

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

RACQUET SPORTS

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

TABLE TENNIS GROUP

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

TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

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

WRITER'S GROUP

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

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DISTRICT 3 MEETING IS SEPT. 27

District 3 will hold a Fall Gathering on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. at SCB. This is the election meeting for District 3 officers and one where residents make their voice and vote count! A short business meeting and dinner will round out the evening. Do plan to attend!

Questions? Contact Stephanie Fians: 203-258-7445 or stephaniefians@gmail.com.

DISTRICT 4 GATHERING/ELECTION

"Come one, come all" Monday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m. to SCB for the District 4 Fall Neighborhood Gathering. District Rep Bob Krakovich will welcome attendees, followed by summary reports from District Board members. Elections for available District 4 Board positions will be the final agenda item of the evening.

The guest speaker will be a District 4 resident, Andy Poniros, a NASA science correspondent and public outreach volunteer. His presentation, "My Space Shuttle Experiences," will include behind-the-scenes pictures of the last two space shuttle launches, landings and decommissioning, along with interviews of shuttle astronauts.

Following the presentation, an "out-of-this-world" meal will be served along with "heavenly" homemade desserts. Coffee, tea and beverages will be provided. You may BYOB if you wish.

Cost: \$7 per person if District dues have been paid. All others are \$12 per person. All residents and/or guests are welcome to attend.

Place your cash/check payable to "District 4" in the District 4 mailbox at the SCB lobby across from the Galerie OV if you plan to attend. Cutoff for this event is Wednesday, Sept. 20.

DISTRICT 7 ELECTION MEETING

District 7 will hold an election meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the NCB auditorium. Ballots will be distributed in mid-September. Be on the lookout for the ballot in your black box. It is important that residents participate in the voting process. Please contact Joanne Sutphen at 203-858-6599 or Kathy Flynn at 540-729-1789 if you have any questions. Dessert and coffee will be served.

DISTRICT 9 MEETING IS SEPT. 20

A District 9 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the NCB auditorium. Mark Rhatigan, our Executive Director, and Ryan Hankey, Maintenance Director, will be guest speakers and answer questions.

A business meeting, voting for district officers and pizza dinner will follow.

DISTRICT 10 TO MEET SEPT. 28

District 10 will hold its election/business meeting on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. at NCB. You should have received your flyer with additional details. Deadline to sign-up is Sept. 20. Anyone with questions should contact District 10 Rep Regina Archazki at 203-915-0781. We look forward to seeing you.

DISTRICT 11 MEETING IS SEPT. 21

District 11 will hold its annual District Election meeting on Thursday, Sept 21, at 6 p.m. in the North Clubhouse. Bobby McDonald, former member of the U.S. Secret Service, will be our guest speaker and will share his favorite stories. Please plan on attending. Sandwiches, frozen desserts, salad and beverages will be served. If you have not submitted your dues of \$10 per person yet, please do so. Checks should be made out "OV District 11."

OVTV Program Schedule (As of September 7)

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
11:30 a.m. Arts Guild Summer Show
12:00 p.m. - Donna Martire-Miller Lecture on Happiness
1:00 p.m. - Doll Crafting
1:15 p.m. - Gardening Tips
1:30 p.m. - Arts Guild Summer Show
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
7:30 p.m. - Arts Guild Summer Show
8:00 p.m. - "An Evening with Frank Mastrone and Friends - Highlights from the OV 50th Anniversary 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)

CALENDAR

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

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: No events scheduled

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: No events scheduled

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:15 P.m. – Tai Chi, SCB
- **3:00 p.m. – OVCA Finance Committee NCB, B/R**

- 6:00 p.m. – BRAVO rehearsal, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Writer's Group, SCB
- **7:00 p.m. – OVCA Annual Board Meeting, NCB**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginners, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, all levels, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 5:30 p.m. – District 9 Meeting, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – District 6 Meeting, SCB

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Quilting Group, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 3:30 p.m. – BRAVO rehearsal, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 11 Meeting, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Karaoke/Dance Party, SCB

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 11:00 a.m. – SAC Dog Day Parade event, SCB
- 3:00 p.m. – Tennis Club Members Tournament (C)





SURVEY OF ORONOQUE VILLAGE RESIDENTS – Fall 2023

Dear Oronoque Village Resident,

To better understand the wants and needs of our residents, the levels of satisfaction with OV services, and to improve communications, we are inviting all Villagers to participate in this brief Resident Survey

Your opinions are very important to us. Please answer for EACH RESIDENT per UNIT.

1. How frequently do you visit the Oronoque Village website?
 Daily _____ #Times per week _____ #Times per month _____ Never _____
 If yes, what info do you look for? _____
 If not, why not? _____

2. How frequently do you visit the Oronoque Facebook Page, OV Connections?
 Daily _____ #Times per week _____ #Times per month _____ Never _____
 If yes, what do you use it for? Classified Ads? _____ Referrals? _____
 Other _____
 If not, why not? _____

3. How frequently do you tune in to OVTV, Channel 591?
 Daily _____ #Times per week _____ #Times per month _____ Never _____
 What would you most want to see ("X" all that apply) Village news _____ Exercise programs _____
 OV Events & videos _____ Art Guild Works _____ Gardening/Pickle Ball/Golf/Tennis Tips _____
 Announcements _____ Film clips _____ Safety Info _____ What else? _____

4. Would you prefer Optimum/Altice to provide Cable TV or would you prefer OV to provide streaming services only for your TV viewing? Yes _____ No _____

5. Are you in favor of printing The Villager once per month during the winter months?
 Yes _____ No _____

6. Please rank from 1 to 4 the best way to reach you to communicate management news and important information in a timely manner. **Email** _____ **OV Connections** (Facebook) _____
 A notice on the **Oronoque Village website** _____ **By phone via a "Robo-call"** _____

7. Do you participate in Village activities: Yes _____ No _____ Which ones? _____

8. What time is most convenient for you to attend Board/Executive Director meetings? _____

9. What one new amenity do you wish Oronoque Village would offer? _____

Not for use. Please visit the Business Office to get a hard copy of the survey

10. How satisfied are you with the overall physical appearance of the Village?
Very satisfied _____ Satisfied _____ Unsatisfied _____
If not satisfied, why not? _____
11. How satisfied are you with the work of the pruning efforts in the Village
Very satisfied _____ Satisfied _____ Unsatisfied _____. If not satisfied, why not? _____

12. Would you be willing to pay for a second round of pruning? Yes _____ No _____
13. How satisfied are you with the work of our Preventive Maintenance Program (PM) that maintains the exterior siding of our units? Very satisfied _____ Satisfied _____ Unsatisfied _____
If not satisfied, why not? _____
14. How satisfied are you with the Service Request/Work Order process in the Village?
Very satisfied _____ Satisfied _____ Unsatisfied _____ If unsatisfied, why not?

15. Do you think we need a stronger compliance enforcement process for our rules and bylaws?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, would you be willing to add a compliance officer to the OV budget?
Yes _____ No _____
16. Has your unit been renovated within the past 15 years? _____ 10 years? _____ 5 years? _____
17. How long have you lived in the Village? less than 1 year? _____ 1-4 years? _____
5-10 years? _____ 11-15 years? _____ 16-20 years? _____ More than 20 years? _____
18. Do you leave OV during the winter for 3 months or more? No _____ Yes _____
If yes, for approximately _____ months.
19. How likely are you to obtain Stratford Senior Services for assistance with programs like transportation, energy assistance, property tax assistance, Meals-on-Wheels, etc.
Very Likely _____ Not very likely _____ Not likely _____
20. For demographic purposes, please tell us your age/s. Less than 55 yrs. _____ 55-64 yrs. _____
65-74 yrs. _____ 75-84 yrs. _____ Over 85 yrs. _____

Please complete this Resident Survey by Friday, October 6th, fold it in half and place it in the OVCA/OVTD dropbox located at the outdoor entryway of the North Clubhouse.

Thank you for your participation! We appreciate your input. Your responses will be delivered to the Communications Committee and the results will be compiled and shared. For questions or concerns, please contact Mary W. von Ziegeler, Communications Committee Chair – 203.767.9760 or mvonz@optonline.net, or Tom Fuchs at 203.500.6646 or tofu28469@gmail.com.

I live in District _____

Optional: Name/s _____ Unit # _____

Note: This survey is numbered to ensure one response per unit, per resident.

Not for use. Please visit the Business Office to get a hard copy of the survey



SAVE THE DATE FOR BRAVO'S NEXT PRODUCTION: *THE ORONOQUE LIVE RADIO SHOW*

An evening of singing and laughing:

Sunday, October 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the South Clubhouse

Doors open at 6 p.m. Reception to follow the performance.

Admission is \$10 per person.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 5:00 p.m. – BRAVO rehearsal, SCB

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:15 p.m. – Tai Chi, SCB
- **3:00 p.m. – Bylaws Committee Meeting, NCB**
- 6:00 p.m. – District 4 Meeting, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 5:00 p.m. – District 2 Meeting, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – District 8 Meeting, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Cards, Brosowsky, SCB

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginners, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, all levels, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB, A/C Rm--
- 12:00 p.m. – Hadassah Card Party & Luncheon. NCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 3 Meeting, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – District 7 Meeting, NCB

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 4:00 p.m. – League of Women Voters Study Grp, NCB
- 5:00 p.m. – BRAVO rehearsal, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 10 Meeting, NCB

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 600 p.m. – District 1 Meeting, SCB
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 6:00 p.m. – Pool Social Group, SCB

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1: No events scheduled

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 10:00 a.m. – House & Garden Board Mtg, NCB (C)
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- **11:00 a.m. – Communications Committee, NCB**
- 1:15 p.m. – Tai Chi, SCB
- **4:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Mtg, SCB (C)**
- **4:30 p.m. – Racquet Sports Facility Committee, NCB**
- 5:00 p.m. – BRAVO rehearsal, SCB
- **6:00 p.m. – SAC Meeting, NCB**
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bulls & Bears, SCB

GUYS & DOLLS' SPEAKER SERIES TO START WITH A MEDICARE PLAN EXPERT

By Nicholas Harding

On Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Clubhouse, 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 and is licensed in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York. Barnum Benefit Advisors, located in Shelton, offers independent advice on various Medicare plans across multiple providers to find a plan that fits your particular needs.

This is a lecture that 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 topics that are of timely interest to OV residents. Keep an eye on The Villager for future offerings.

A special thanks to Cindy Katz and the committee for arranging

this presentation. If there is a topic or speaker that you think might be of interest to the residents, please let Cindy know by emailing CindyLKatz@gmail.com

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OFFERS VOTER REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

By Marge Heffel

No one can vote until they become registered. To be registered, you must be a U.S. citizen and age 18 or older on Election Day (Nov. 7 this year).

Wait! Why is this important to Oronoque? Most of us have been voting for half a century!

We all have a new neighbor, right? Are you that new neighbor? Did you remember that you must register or re-register when you move to a new town within Connecticut.

You should also fill out a new voter registration form if you change your name, change your party affiliation, or move within your town, because a change of address may affect your voting location.

You can obtain a voter registration form at Town Hall, the public library, the DMV and other state agency offices. To obtain a voter registration form by mail, call the Stratford Registrar of Voters at 203-385-4048 or the Town Clerk at 203-385-4020 and request a form be sent to you. Once you complete the form, it can be mailed (or delivered) to the registrar of voters or the town clerk, both of whom are located at Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main St.



If you use the printed form, you can mail it or hand it in to the Stratford registrar of voters. Alternatively, if you have a driver's license, you can register online via the state of Connecticut's website <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do> or via the voter education page at the League of Women Voters of CT website <https://my.lww.org/connecticut>

What are the deadlines?

For any primary, your mailed-in application must be postmarked or received by the registrar of voters or by a voter registration agency or electronically submitted by the fifth day before the primary, or you may apply in-person to your registrar until noon on the last business day before the primary (Nov. 6 in 2023).

For a general election, if you register in-person, mail in your registration form or e-file your application, it must be postmarked or received by your town's registrar by the seventh day before an election (in 2023, that's Oct. 31). If you miss the deadline, you can register and vote in-person at your polling place between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Questions? Contact OV resident Marge Heffel, treasurer of the LWV of Connecticut, at mcheffel@gmail.com or 203-913-5695.

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From left, SAC reps and alternates, George Zamar, Pamela Schwanke, Letitia Laberee, Elaine Ficarra, Lynne Schafer, Patrice Lundgren, Ivy Tencer and Pam Hoeplinger. Right, Phil Flaker and Russell Cingari. Below, Peter and Edie Feick.

SAC POOL PARTY WAS A SPLASH!

Perfect summer weather, sunshine, low humidity, a clear evening, great music and food combined with a capacity crowd of 180 guests spelled success for the annual Oronoque Village Pool Party.

This year's theme, "Hawaiian Nights," was carried out in the beautiful indoor and outdoor tropical-themed centerpieces, the scrumptious menu of appetizers, main course and dessert provided by Lasse's and the cool tunes, spun by our own Chris Albino.

Each attendee received a welcoming lei at the door to extend the theme. A few guests even decided to wear tropical-themed costumes.

Guests were having a wonderful time — enjoying the poolside hors d'oeuvres with a glass of wine or soda, then moving to buffet dinner inside. Attendees enjoyed mingling, dancing and talking with their neighbors and friends right up until the last dance at 10:20 p.m.

In line with our theme, we made a Maui Wildfire Relief donation box available and, by evening's end, Villagers had donated \$275, which has been shared with the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Of course, a party of this size and scope is not possible without the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers and our incomparable Maintenance Department and building monitors.

Our thanks to the Maintenance crews that set up the lighting, trimmed up all the flowers, shrubbery and grass by the South Clubhouse and pool area, hung the lights, set up

the outside tables and chairs and ensured the outside area was ready for guests to enjoy the poolside ambiance.

Indoors, our monitors, including Christian Davin and Stanley Gibson, who ensured the ice machine was full, the dining tables were set up, assisted with fine tuning the sound system and took care of last-minute details.

Heartfelt thanks to all our SAC reps and alternates who helped make the Pool Party a success. Pre-party setup on Friday and Saturday included a number of SAC members including, Pat Kelly, Lynne Shafer, Kathy Lukens, Stephanie Fians, Ivy Tencer, Patrice Lundgren, Letitia Laberee, Pam Schwanke, Pam Hoeplinger, Pat Spodick and George Zamar. We also want to thank former SAC Rep Dorothy Tanksi, and Village volunteers Fran and Cliff Potocky and Trish Baglio for their assistance in setup, greeting and cleanup. Many thanks to our hard-working bartenders, SAC's own George Zamar, Fred Hall and Greg Carleton who kept the wine and soft drinks flowing. (And, thanks to Bill Tanksi for helping out with a quick trip to the liquor store for additional wine.)

Many thanks to Peter Feick, our go-to photographer, for chronicling the evening through photos.

"Thank you" to our decorations committee, including Letitia Laberee, Patrice Lundgren, Kathy Lukens and Ivy Tencer, who created lovely indoor and outdoor table decorations to carry out the theme. Many thanks to the co-chairs, Elaine Ficarra, Patrice Lundgren and Ivy Tencer for all their hard work bringing all the pieces together for a fun evening on behalf of our fellow residents. See you next year on the third Saturday in August for Pool Party 2024!



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ENTER THE VILLAGER'S CAPTION CONTEST!




A monthly Villager caption contest appears in the second issue of each month. Residents are invited to view the image at left and submit one-line captions by emailing office@oronoquevillage.com or delivering submissions, in writing, to the Business Office at NCB.

Deadline for entries is Oct. 1.

Judging is conducted by members of the Communications Committee. No political or negative content will be considered.

There is no limit to the number of captions residents may submit.

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

AUG. 15 CAPTION CONTEST WINNER

Due to your good response, we are continuing with the Caption Contest for the foreseeable future. Thanks for your participation!



Winner, First Place:
Marie O'Connell & Bob Gebo: "Keep your cork in it, we're almost there."


Winner, Second Place:
Alex Rodriguez: "Would you two stop 'wining' about having to wear a seat belt!?"

FIND IT ON ORONOQUEVILLAGE.COM

Looking for a staff member? Find who you need and how to contact him or here. On the HOME PAGE, click on STAFF and find a list of Management and Staff with photos, phone numbers and email addresses.

WEBSITE INSIGHTS

Want to get engaged in what's going on now and in the future in our Village? Consider volunteering to work on our Strategic Plan. Go to www.oronoquevillage.com, resident's side, CONDO NEWS & NOTIFICATION and

click on INFORMATION ON JOINING A STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE. We have many caring, talented and experienced residents here. Find your area, your interest and sign on! 

RESIDENT SURVEY 2023


Included in this Villager issue is a Resident Survey designed to give the OVCA and OVTD Boards, the Executive Director and the Communications Committee a better understanding of some things that are likely important to you and us, here in the Village.

This is a great opportunity to express your opinions on a variety of topics. We'd like to hear from everyone. We invite all Villagers to complete this survey. If you need an additional copy for your spouse/signifi-

cant other/ housemate, please feel free to make an additional copy, or, use this single questionnaire for your multiple responses.

We only want one response per resident. The surveys are numbered to avoid multiple submissions.

Please drop your completed surveys in the outside dropbox at the North Clubhouse.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to hearing from you. 

—The Communications Committee

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

REMINDER OF HOLIDAY DECORATION RULES

1. Small outdoor displays are permitted if placed in the foundation planting area, on doors, the walls next to doors, including garage doors, or on decks.

2. No decorations that pose a safety hazard, are excessive or are reported as a nuisance are allowed.

3. Displays may not be put up in the common areas, including mailbox stations.

4. Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza decorations may be put up the day after Thanksgiving and must be removed by Jan. 21.

5. No plastic or inflatable decorations, no lights other than small seasonal lights on decks only, no decorations on light posts and no live lit trees on decks are permitted.



6. Other holiday decorations, with the same restrictions listed previously, may be put up two weeks prior to the holiday and are to be removed two weeks after the holiday.

7. No displays may use extension cords that cross walkways.

8. Hazardous or excessive displays will be removed by the Maintenance Department.

9. The American and State of Connecticut flags may be displayed with a six foot or smaller flag pole attached to the building. Seasonal banners may be displayed with a similar sized flag pole or on a stand in the foundation planting area. Flags/banners may not be draped or displayed on the unit in any manner.

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TOWN CORNER: UPCOMING FLU & COVID VACCINE CLINICS

The Baldwin Center and the Stratford Health Department are teaming up to provide information and updates each month for Oronoque residents.

Baldwin Center, which serves as the Town's Senior Center, also is home to transportation, social and human services, including a "choices" counselor to answer your Medicare questions. Senior services can be reached by calling 203-385-4050 or emailing seniorservices@townofstratford.com.

The Stratford Health Department offers a range of vital services, including vaccine clinics, ensuring the community's well-being and overall health, and can be reached by calling 203-385-4090 or emailing healthdepartment@townofstratford.com

Additional information can be found at <https://www.stratfordct.gov/>

This month we want to let you know about upcoming flu and COVID-19 (when available) vaccine clinics:

Tuesdays, Oct. 3 and Oct. 10, at Birdseye Municipal Complex gym from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Birdseye Municipal Clinic room 110/111 from 3- 7 p.m. (Kids' Clinic)

Friday, Oct. 20, at Baldwin Center from 10 a.m. - noon (Healthy Living Fair)

Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Birdseye Municipal Complex room 110/111 from 3-7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 2, at Birdseye Municipal Complex, third floor, room 3-6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9, at Birdseye Municipal Complex third floor from 3-6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 16, at Birdseye Municipal Complex third floor from 3-6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Birdseye Municipal Complex third floor from 1-3 p.m.

Upcoming Baldwin Center Event:

Friday, Oct. 20, "Art of Aging Senior Healthy Living Expo," 10 a.m. to noon

Note: Birdseye Municipal Complex is located at 468 Birdseye St. in Stratford.

Baldwin Center is located at 1000 W. Broad St. in Stratford.

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HUMOR

"Blazing Saddles" has just been edited for television. It will air tonight from 8:00 to 8:07 p.m.

It's my wife's birthday tomorrow and she's been leaving me jewelry catalogues all over the house, so I bought her a magazine rack.

Not to brag or anything, but sometimes I forget what I am doing while I am doing it.

I think it was a lot more fun being in my 20s in the '70s than being in my 70s in the '20s!

My wife and I were happy for 20 years... then we met. (Rodney Dangerfield)

Submitted by Tom Fuchs

FEATURE

OV WINE CLUB ENJOYED SAMPLINGS FROM THE VINEYARDS OF FRANCE

Story by Bill Tanski ~ Photo by Dorothy Tanski

On the evening of Aug. 24, 40 OV residents took part in another Wine Club experience. We transported ourselves to the fabled Loire Valley of France.

From the times of the medieval monarchs, the valley's vineyards have yielded wines yearning to be sampled by us. And we did, enjoying seven different varieties in one night. Our guide to this region was our trusted steward, Michelle DeWynngaert, with the famous French last name (translated) "Of The Vine Yard."

Our guests were greeted at the door with a refreshing rosé, called "Thibaut Boudigon," from the area near the historic city of Tours. Each guest was given an assortment of nuts to accompany this entrance wine. When the "main event" began, everyone found their tables laden with fruit, bite-sized wrapped sandwiches and cheese assortments.

During the course of the evening, we traversed the breadth of the Loire Valley's array of wines. We commenced with wines of the vineyards from Nantes, near the Atlantic, to the more western French region of Centre. Our route was similar to James Bond's pursuit of the arch villain, Goldfinger, in the 1959 novel of the same name. No doubt, to ease the tensions from long days of hard driving, Mr. Bond relaxed with a bottle from one of the whites we sampled: "Domain De La Pepiere" "Domaine Adele Roi" and "Domaine Arnaud Lambert." Each one is cool, refreshing, crisp and moderate. They'd go with anything at any time, and anywhere.



Reds followed the whites. We had three of them: "Domaine Bernard Baudry," "Domaine Filliatreau" and "Domaine Henri Bourgeois." The first two were derived from the cabernet franc grape, the last from the pinot noir grape. All were smooth, not harsh, like a martini, shaken not stirred.

As always, we ended the evening with Dorothy Tanski's homemade cookies and eclairs. Our Wine Club events do not end suddenly, but are elongated with the mingling of friends, conversations and sipping more wine. And that's the way it's been all these years and, hopefully, for many more to come.

See you at the end of November for our special "Holiday Wine Event!"

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VILLAGE SNAPSHOT



A group of friends had a casual gathering at the North Pool last month.

Most socialized outside, while a few played some games of bocce.

As darkness was upon us, we moved into the clubhouse for refreshments, conversation and laughs.

We also enjoyed trivia run by Chas DeSienna. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

—Story and photo submitted by Sonya DeBiase

OUR FABULOUS MONTHLY...

BINGO

**PRESENTED BY THE
GUYS & DOLLS CLUB**

SEPTEMBER 21, 7 P.M. AT SCB



\$2.50 A CARD

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

SWEET TREATS



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

The book for Oct, 4 is "Why Geography Matters More than Ever" by Harm de Blij.

In recent years our world has seen transformations of all kinds: intense climate change accompanied by significant weather extremes; deadly tsunamis caused by submarine earthquakes; unprecedented terrorist attacks; costly wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; a terrible and overlooked conflict in Africa costing millions of lives; an economic crisis threatening the stability of the international system. Is there some way we can get our minds around these disparate global upheavals, to grasp these events and their interconnections, and place our turbulent world in a more understandable light? Acclaimed author Harm de Blij answers this question with one word: geography.

By improving our understanding of the world's geography, de Blij shows, we can better respond to the events around us, and better prepare ourselves to face the global challenges ahead.



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

Please join us for our next Karaoke/Dance Party on September 22 at SCB at 6:30pm.

All you need is your wine and dancing shoes. A good time is guaranteed for all! No need to RSVP...just come on over, grab a seat, and either watch or join the fun by putting in a song or two! Hope to see you all then. Oh... and tell a friend!

GUYS & DOLLS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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



MENU: Pancakes, syrup and 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

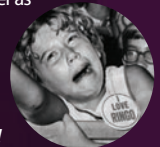


FUNSEEKERS PRESENTS

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 203-360-4644.

COFFEE, TEA, SOFT DRINKS & DESSERT TO BE SERVED

BYOB AND SNACKS!

Weekenders Presents

Silk City

A Premier Doo Wop Group

on

October 21

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.

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

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

Hosted by SAC

**We hope to see you on
October 6**





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 Restaurant at Blackhawk Country Club

Join us in our newly renovated
restaurant & banquet facilities.

Our venue is suited to
host up to 250 guests.



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385 Oronoque Lane, Stratford, CT

475-273-4121

blackhawkct.com

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Sun. 10 AM - 8 PM • Brunch 10 AM - 2PM

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Be Safe. Be Well. Be Home.

The Oronoque community is our sanctuary. It is our home.
Our friends are here. Our memories are here.

As the world around us changes and challenges us,
Caregiver's Home Solutions can bring you peace of mind.

When illness, injury or age make home life more difficult,
our family owned and operated caregiving agency can
help keep you safe and independent in your own home.
The way it should be. Always.

Proudly owned by an OV resident, our agency has been
honored to serve the Oronoque community for over 14 years.

Call us today for a no-obligation in-home assessment.
It would be our pleasure to show you how we can
help with a care plan that meets your individual needs
while maintaining your sense of dignity and independence.

+ Special discount for OV residents +



Nobody knows the Village...



...like another Villager!



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- Complimentary home price evaluation
- Professional FREE photography of your home
- In-house mortgage broker & insurance agent
- Spotlight Marketing Program - exceptional property marketing that is designed to quickly attract attention & showcase your property

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