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Thank you to Arline Walton for submitting the cover photos, which were taken at the SAC first-ever Pet Parade held last month. An article about the event appears on page 21. The Villager welcomes submissions for cover consideration. Photos must be emailed as high-resolution jpeg images to Villager Editor Carol King at cking@oronoquevillage.com.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE OVCA PRESIDENT

October 17, 2023



Bob Grosso

We have had great summer weather and were able to keep the south pools open through early October. Fall has arrived and so have a lot of rainy Saturdays, but we are looking forward to the beautiful Connecticut foliage. In September there was a unit owner Annual meeting which included a state of Village union address.

Congratulations to newly elected OVCA Board Members. District 2 Representative Frank Spodnick and District Alternate Lucy Clifford.

District 8 Alternate Representative Tom Fuchs.

District 11 Representative Len Nachbar.

On behalf of the OVCA board we look forward to working with the newly elected representatives.

Committee Updates:

Finance Committee - Joe Myers a new resident and former Warnaco finance executive will join the committee.

Communications Committee - Joe MacKenna also a new resident and former creative art director and owner of JA-Mackenna Consulting will join the committee.

Racquet Sports Facility Committee - Mike Anderson tennis member will join the committee.

BCC Restaurant Liaison - Carole Guglielmino will be providing updates.

All the new committee and district boards members will be posted on the OV website.

On Oct. 4, 2023, the second annual Treasurer's Meeting was conducted to help residents better understand the Village's financial reports, including the invoice approval process. Residents had an opportunity to meet the Treasurers of OVCA (Ken Colman) and OVTD (Tom Becker) our Accountant (Diane Roche) and CPA Glen Nanavaty, the Oronoque Village's auditor.

They walked through financials line-by-line explaining the content and then opened the meeting to resident ques-

tions. Glen's summary audit evaluation concluded Oronoque OVCA and OVTD had a "clean" audit report equating to an A grade.

The Clubhouses Tax Appeal Phase I Summons and Complaint was delivered to the Town of Stratford in late August and was responded to by the Town in late September with a request to revise. There are three types of possible responses,

1. File an answer. Respond to complaint.
2. Request to strike. A motion to strike is a request by one party in a United States trial requesting that the presiding judge order the removal of all or part of the opposing party's pleading to the court.
3. Request to revise. Provide more complete, clearer information, on an allegation in the Complaint. This was the response that the Town of Stratford chose.

Our attorneys, Murtha-Cullina, are preparing a response to be delivered shortly.

In my June 16 President's Message, I identified the IV Phases of the Tax Appeal process. We are currently in Phase I and will report back in November.

A Strategic Planning Initiative was launched in August. OV residents were encouraged to participate and join a committee for one or more of the focus areas. On Oct. 11, the Strategic Priority Team Kickoff was conducted with over _____ volunteers attending bringing their time, talent, and energy in the interest of our Village.

Last week Executive Director Mark Rhatigan, Director of Maintenance Ryan Hankey and I met with Becht Engineering and were provided with an update on the Reserve & Roof Study. Due to some serious personnel issues, Becht will first be providing a high-level opinion prior to completing their detailed report. Currently we fund annually about \$60,000. It is our auditor's opinion that we underfunded the roof reserve. We expect to receive Becht's completed reserve study in early November.

The auditor's comments are not a complete surprise. We anticipated that we would be presented with a significant shortfall in our current reserves. The question is the magnitude and-how we intend to manage the Village. Annually during the budget process, we are challenged to maintain a level of services, fixed cost accounts such as utilities, loan, Optimum and other contractual obligations, payroll, while maintaining a balanced approach of increases to our common fees. This brings us to the issue of why the Community Contribution Fee (CCF) is so important.

The CCF is designed to be a mixed reserve. Whether it is used for a capital, or a non-capital expense will depend on what the Executive Director and Finance Committees recommend to the OVC A Board. They are in the best position to know where the funds will be of the greatest benefit to the community.

Some residents are maintaining that these funds only be

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used for capital expenditures. As one can see with the chart above this would eliminate these funds being used for roofs, insurance, preventive maintenance and infrastructure. This why the Community Reserve has been proposed to ensure the optimal use of these funds.

The CCF reserve is the only reserve requiring that an expenditure of its funds must be via a process of a recommendation made to the Board which will be noticed to all Unit Owners before the Board votes on the recommendation.

We need everyone's participation and your Directed Proxy Vote. If you have yet to do so, we ask that you please VOTE.

I sincerely hope that you will vote in favor of this proposal, and you can vote today!

If you need a proxy, please contact Chrissy in the Business Office.

Reminder: Nov. 8, 2023, OVCA Special Board Meeting-proxies due.

Employee Appreciation Fund: Throughout the year, residents are neither permitted to tip employees nor are employees permitted to accept gratuities. The primary reason is that not all employees have direct access to residents and the opportunity to be individually recognized. Yet each employee performs his or her respective role contributing to the team's success whether the effort was related to excellent service regarding a maintenance work order, supporting a private party, club or district function.

In recent years about +/- 43% of our residents have contributed. To honor the employees' hard work, dedication throughout the year and in the spirit of the holiday season, let's show our employees our sincere appreciation and gratitude by significantly increasing resident participation. Please consider a contribution in appreciation of our employees during this holiday season and submit your contribution to the Business Office. Checks should be made out to The Employee Appreciation Fund.

Treasurer's Comments from Ken Colman

All of us who are OV unit owners pay common charges to OVCA and tax payments to OVTD.

About 95 percent of those payments are used for our annual operating expenses such as payroll, cable costs, insurance, removing trees and security.

About 5 percent of our common charges and tax payments are used for contributions made to our reserve accounts.

Reserves are savings. They are funds put into an account for a future expense or in case of unexpected/unplanned expenses.

Some reserve accounts are for expenses that are referred to as capital. This means the funds are spent for something that has more than a one-year life and becomes an asset that can be depreciated.

Some reserves are for expenses, some of which are capital and some, such as fixing a crack in the tennis court, that are not capital.

Some reserves are for expenses that are not capital at all, such as handling an insurance claim in-house to avoid having to submit a claim to our insurance provider and risk an increase in our insurance rates.

The table below shows both OVCA and OVTD reserve accounts and whether they are all capital (C), a mix (M) or not capital (NC) at all.

Description	Capital	Mixed	Not Capital
OVCA			
Insurance			NC
Roofs			NC
Major Capital	C		
PM Painting			NC
Buildings/ Pools		M	
Racquet Sports		M	
General		M	
House & Garden*			
OVTD			
Roads	C		
Infrastructure			NC
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ATTENTION ORONOQUE VILLAGE CARD AND GAME PLAYERS

Dear Residents:

Beginning Dec. 1, card and game players may reserve space in a clubhouse for specified days and times for 2024.

Games having 12 or more players may reserve a room; games with fewer than 12 players may reserve tables, not a room. Lounges cannot be reserved for games but may be used when no other activity is scheduled. The library may be used for card playing only if there is no other space available.

Please check the OV online calendar (at www.oronoquevillage.com) to make sure that the times/locations are available before filling out a request.

Activity Request forms are available in the Business Office. All requests must be made in writing by filling out the Activity Request Form and returning it to the Business Office.

Thank you.

The House Committee

DATES ANNOUNCED FOR HOLIDAY DECORATING AT CLUBHOUSES

All are invited to join the OV House & Garden Club during the annual decorating of the clubhouses for Christmas and Hanukkah.

On Thursday, Nov. 16, the club will need help shaping the trees at SCB from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and at NCB from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring gloves.

On Friday, Nov. 17, trees will be decorated at both clubhouses. Decorating will take place at SCB from 1:30-3 p.m. and at NCB from 3-4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Please join us in ringing in the holiday season!

for a trouble-free performance; working with the Board to provide annual budget input and placing advertisements in the bimonthly Villager.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Lucy Clifford at 203-644-7710 or lmclifford@yahoo.com.

KARAOKE CANCELED THIS MONTH

The Karaoke Dance Party will not be held during the month of November. The event resumes at 6:30 p.m. at SCB on Dec. 22 with a holiday-themed program.

MONITORS/SUBSTITUTES WANTED

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

This is a great way to help out while working with a wonderful team of residents.

There are substitute monitors for any time that you cannot make it in on your scheduled day.

Basic tasks include:

- Greeting guests and visitors while in the reception office.
- Taking a brief walk through the building to ensure that all is secure.
- Monitoring camera displays of the building.

If you would like to help keep our community costs down by volunteering once a week, please contact Kathy Lukens at 203-612-6685 / wkulukens@comcast.net

LWV PRESENTS: '10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT VOTING IN CT'

The League of Women Voters (LWV) will present a guest speaker, Stratford Registrar of Voters Jim Simon, on Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. at NCB. He will discuss "10 Things To Know About Voting in Connecticut." All members of the community are invited to attend this no-cost event.

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

LWV is a nonpartisan organization (of women and men) that encourages informed and active participation in government.

FUNSEEKERS NEEDS AN ENTERTAINMENT COORDINATOR

Funseekers has an opening on its Board of Directors for an entertainment coordinator. Responsibilities include recruiting entertainment; negotiating price and signing contracts, ensuring stage/sound requirements are identified and implemented; overseeing entertainers' needs are met

POKER PLAYERS WANTED

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NOV. 19 PLETMAN CONCERT TO FEATURE BRASS QUINTET

By Amy Plapp and Tom Ward

What better way to liven the spirits and herald the coming holiday season than with a brass quintet? That's exactly what's in store at the next Pletman Concert! On Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. in the North Clubhouse, the New York-based Amplitudo Brass Quintet will excite you with a varied program of selections ranging from the baroque to Broadway and right into the holidays. All this for a modest suggested donation of \$8.

Chamber music groups for brass instruments have been around since the mid 1800s, but the modern brass quintet came together shortly after World War II and was immediately popularized by groups like the Canadian Brass and the Empire Brass. It comprises two trumpets, a French horn, trombone and tuba, with the trumpets playing the highest notes and the tuba the lowest. The resulting rich collection of sound lends itself beautifully to the genres of jazz, pop, classical, and everything in between. Come see and hear for yourself!

The trumpet players in the Amplitudo Quintet are Olivia Pidi and Mitch Gibbs. Olivia completed her undergraduate studies at Oberlin College and earned a master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music. She performs regularly as a member of the New Jersey Symphony Brass Quintet. Mitch Gibbs has studied orchestral trumpet, jazz trumpet and music arranging at both the University of Idaho and University of Massachusetts/Amherst and greatly enjoys playing in pit orchestras for musicals including "Into the Woods" and "Something Rotten!"

French hornist Hanan Rahman is an active freelance player based in New York City, who has performed in many regional orchestras in the Northeast, played across North America and Europe in summer festivals. She has graced the stage of Carnegie Hall accompanying numerous choral presentations.

The quintet's trombonist and director is Andrew Hill, who holds a bachelor's degree of music in music education/trombone performance from San José State University and a master's degree of music in conducting from Colorado State University. He has been active in prestigious big band recording sessions and recently finished four years as the music director at Los Gatos High School in California. He is currently the band director at Byram Hills High School in Armonk, N.Y.

Tubist Chris Carbone holds a rare performers certificate in tuba from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., and plays regularly with the Westchester Symphonic Winds, the New Conductors' Orchestra and the Bear Mountain Brass. He also "performs" as a partner at the Loeb & Loeb, LLP, law firm in New York, where his "practice" focuses on entertainment and complex commercial litigation.

We believe the assemblage of a brass quintet is a first for the Pletman stage, but hopefully it won't be the last time we present an ensemble of this size and caliber. Please join us on Nov. 19 for a brilliant and enjoyable program, and be sure to meet these engaging performers at the reception following the concert. OV

HUMOR

A police officer came to the house and asked me where I was between 5 and 6. He seemed irritated when I said "kindergarten".

You'd be surprised how quickly employees at Lowe's assist you after ignoring you for 20 minutes when you try and start a chainsaw.

If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they would eventually find me attractive.

A couple of kids asked me today what it was like for me growing up... so I took their phones, shut off the Internet, gave them a popsicle and told them to go outside till the streetlights came on.

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— Submitted by Tom Fuchs

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CORNHOLE

- Cornhole is played on Thursdays, 10 a.m., at SCB.

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 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 Lapidis: 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. Vaccinated members only. Please show proof.

WRITER'S GROUP

- The Oronoque Village Writer's Group (OVWG) is a group of writers who enjoy sharing their work in a trusted environment. Members commit to twice-monthly workshops held on alternate Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the SCB Card Room. Members include published authors and hobbyists. Works include essays, memoirs, poems, short stories, humorous tales, heart-wrenching histories. Contact Mary von Ziegesar at MvonZ@optonline.net or call 203-767-9760 with questions.

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH: KEES ADEMA

Kees Adema has a lot on his plate these days and his background plays a major part in it. Born during the early days of the German invasion of his home country, Holland, his family experienced firsthand the ravages of war. Living in Arnhem some 100 yards from the infamous "Bridge Too Far," his younger brother was born on Sept. 17, 1944, in the cellar of the house on the first day of Operation Market Garden. It was the failed operation by the Allies to force an opening to the German border en route to Berlin. Like the rest of the town's residents, the family was ordered to evacuate by the Nazis and the Ademas lived as refugees for the rest of World War II.

Having survived the war, things did not get much better. Kees' father, always having put his family first, had suffered greatly during the so-called Hunger Winter and he died at the age of 34. Social services were still lacking and times were rough.

After serving his army conscription duty in France as an interpreter, Kees signed on as a purser on a Dutch passenger ship that sailed around the world and made cruises in the Pacific, Mediterranean and Baltic for three years. With the advent of jet travel, the ships were sold. Having met his future wife, Ulla, in Spain on vacation in 1962, the two married in Holland in 1964 and decided to make a life in the United States.

Kees first worked as a ship's broker in New York and, eventually, founded his own firm in Connecticut. He retired in 1987 and Ulla and he then bought and operated a well-known country inn, which was the subject of a talk to the House & Garden Club in September.

Since the sale of the inn in 2002, Kees has been writing about Dutch history and has had five books published, including "The Paper Trail – World War II in Holland and its Colonies as seen through Mail and Documents" (700 pages). It was the subject of a presentation in Oronoque a few years



back. Since 2020 he has been working with a major U.S. collector of Dutch World War II material as a researcher and curator. This involves travel to Europe to locate and purchase archives and artifacts. The items are used in museum-quality exhibits in various venues. Recent exhibits are "Evolution of the Holocaust in Holland" (shown in Germany in May) and "The Battle of Arnhem – False Hopes and Lasting Thanks" (shown in Baltimore in September).

What, you might well ask, has a display of images of mostly flowers to do with all of this? Conducting research on a daily basis into some of the most awful aspects of human existence, Kees feels that taking a photo of a hibiscus and absorbing its beauty, diverts the mind from the ugliness, if only for a moment. His inspiration is Georgia O'Keeffe's stunning images. All photos of flowers in his exhibit were taken in Ulla's garden.

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WEBSITE INSIGHTS

Do you want more information about the proposed Declaration changes, especially those concerning a Community Contribution Fund? Find answers to your questions on oronoquevillage.com. Go to the residents' side, and click on HOME, then see CONDO NEWS & NOTIFICATIONS. This is where all of our official and business news is posted.

Then click on PROPOSED CHANGES TO DECLARATION FOR REVIEW and find the information you may want. If you haven't yet voted, please become informed and execute your proxy. If you need a proxy, contact the Business Office at 203-377-5313. The due date for your completed proxy is Nov. 8. You may deliver it anytime by putting it into the outside dropbox at the North Clubhouse entry or at the OVCA meeting on Nov. 8.

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TIPS AND CHECKLIST FOR WINTERIZING YOUR UNIT WHILE AWAY

- ___ 1. Turn off water main.
 - ___ 2. Turn off outside faucets.
 - ___ 3. Turn off thermostat on water heater, some have the vacation setting.
 - ___ 4. Install a freeze alarm. It will indicate a low or no heat problem.
 - ___ 5. Do not turn your thermostats lower than 55 degrees.
 - ___ 6. Make sure your fireplace damper is closed.
 - ___ 7. Make sure all windows and exterior doors are securely closed.
 - ___ 8. Make sure all interior doors are left open to allow the heat to circulate through the unit.
 - ___ 9. Remove several basement ceiling tiles near outside walls to allow some heat to get to the water pipes.
 - ___ 10. If you have someone watching your unit during your absence, please inform the Business Office. It is important to give an emergency contact name and phone number to the Business Office and leave a key that will be kept in our safe.
 - ___ 11. Leave an address and phone number where you will be staying and details about how long you will be away with the Business Office.
 - ___ 12. Unplug electronics, such as televisions, VCR, DVD, computers etc. (Do not unplug your cable box or it will no longer work when you return home.)
 - ___ 13. If you have a high-efficiency furnace, please alert the Business or Maintenance Office before you leave.
- PLEASE NOTE: Unforeseen problems do occur. This list was created to help snowbirds minimize any damages to the unit and your personal property while you are away.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginners, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rmq
- 10:30 a.m. – Hadassah Board Meeting, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 10:00 a.m. – Cornhole, SCB
- 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
- **10:30 a.m. – Strategic Planning Team Meeting, SCB**
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Pickleball Club Event, NCB (C)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 1:00 p.m. – Private Party, SCB (C)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 3:00 p.m. – SAC New Residents Reception, NCB

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 10:00 p.m. – House & Garden Board Meeting, SCB (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 Meeting, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Meeting, SCB (C)
- **4:30 p.m. – Racquet Sports Facility Committee, NCB**
- **6:00 p.m. – SAC Meeting, NCB**
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-In Bridge, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bulls & Bears, SCB

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Card Game-Dobrowsky, SCB

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB, C/R
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB
- **6:30 p.m. – OVCA Unit Owners Meeting, NCB**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 10:00 a.m. – Cornhole, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Mahjongg & Cards, NCB (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 4:00 p.m. – Arts Guild Presentation, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB, C/R
- 5:30 p.m. – BRAVO cast party, SCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Friday Night Billiards, NCB (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie: *Operation Fortune: Ruse de Guerre*, NCB

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 10:30 a.m. – Guys & Dolls Veterans Event, NCB
- 6:15 p.m. – Funseekers Event, SCB

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Oronoque Village residents,

Sometimes people's plans change due to circumstances beyond their control.

Oronoque Village management commissioned a study of our reserves by an outside organization in July. The results were to be received by now, but extenuating circumstances have delayed the report. Some residents have requested information about how the reserve fund created by the Community Contribution Fee would be spent before voting on the change to the Declaration.

WE HEAR YOU!

The reserve study will provide management with overall guidance as well as the short-term use of the funds provided by the Community Contribution Fee.

To be transparent and keep you informed, the OVCA Board has elected to adjourn and postpone the Unit Owner meeting that was scheduled to occur on November 8, 2023. The Unit Owner meeting will be adjourned and postponed until January 9, 2024. This extension will allow for additional votes to be collected and for residents to learn the results of the reserve study prior to the meeting.

All proxies that were submitted for the November 8 meeting will remain valid for the new meeting on January 9.

We'll keep you updated when the reserve study becomes available.

Mark Rhatigan
Executive Director

Bob Grosso
President, OVCA



Oronoque Village Condominium Association
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NOTICE OF MOTION TO REFINE BIRD FEEDER RULES

Dear Residents:

A motion was made during the August 15, 2023, OVCA Board meeting to modify the rules and regulations related to bird feeders by changing the dates of when seed feeders are permitted.

Bird feeders are currently permitted to be used from October 15 through May 15.

It is proposed that they be permitted, instead, between December 1 and March 31 to align with the dates the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection advises "for responsible bird feeding to reduce opportunities for bears and other untargeted animals to appear at our feeders."

A decision about the proposed rules change will be on the agenda for the November 21, 2023, Board meeting. Unit owners are asked to provide feedback about this proposed change to their District Reps, the OVCA Officers or the Executive Director prior to the November meeting.

Regards,
Myrna Mills Albino
Secretary, OVCA Board of Directors
203-520-3928

SAC PRESENTS:
2023
NEW* RESIDENTS RECEPTION

Oronoque residents:
Come meet your new neighbors!

SUNDAY, NOV. 5 | 3-5 PM | NCB

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RSVP BY NOV. 2

Each year, SAC hosts a New Resident Reception to welcome all new residents who have moved into Oronoque from Nov. 15, 2022 to Oct. 25, 2023.

Come meet and mingle with your new neighbors on an enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served;
wine and soft drinks will be available

Return this form with your check made out to SAC, and drop in SAC mailbox in NCB lobby by Nov. 2.

ATTENDEE NAMES: -----

Address: -----

Phone: -----

Email:-----

Check Total: _____

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12: No events scheduled

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 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**
- 2:00 p.m. – Writer's Group, SCB

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 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



District 7, 9 & 10 Holiday Gathering

Districts 7, 9 and 10 will celebrate the holiday season on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. at Blackhawk Country Club. We hope you'll join us.

Enjoy appetizers, a wonderful buffet dinner and dessert. Music provided. Please check your blackbox on Nov. 4 for registration form and further details.

Questions should be directed to your district representative.

We look forward to seeing you!

- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *Operation Fortune: Ruse de Guerre*, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB, C/R
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB

BEYOND THE VILLAGE

The Shelton Art League presents pastel painting by Karen Israel on Nov. 20, at the Shelton Community Center, 41 Church St. A general meeting starts at 11:45 a.m., followed by Karen's demonstration of pastel painting at 1 p.m. Karen is an experienced teacher in pastel technique and the principles of art. Over the years, her work has won numerous awards and honors in national and international juried exhibits and has been included in many pastel journals and travelling exhibits.

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The Stratford Library, 2203 Main St., will present its 15th annual film festival of little-seen movies, "Great Movies You Missed", beginning Monday, Nov. 6 through Friday, Nov. 10. Five recent, critically acclaimed films, including two comedies and a foreign film, will be shown.

Nov. 6: "Air" The game-changing partnership between a then-rookie Michael Jordan and Nike's fledgling basketball division that revolutionized the world of sports and contemporary culture with the Air Jordan brand is the subject of director Ben Affleck's latest film.


Nov. 7: "You Hurt My Feelings": Sharply observed adult comedy from acclaimed filmmaker Nicole Holofcener about

a novelist whose longstanding marriage is suddenly up-ended when she overhears her husband give his honest reaction to her latest book.

Nov. 8: "Past Lives": Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, are wrest apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. Two decades later, they are reunited in New York for one fateful week as they confront notions of destiny, love, and the choices that make a life.

Nov. 9: "Theater Camp": Tony Award winner Ben Platt and Molly Gordon star in this original comedy about lifelong best friends and drama instructors at a rundown camp in upstate New York. When clueless tech-bro Troy (Jimmy Tatro) arrives to run the property (into the ground), the friends band together with the staff and students to stage a masterpiece, and keep their beloved summer camp afloat.

Nov. 10: "Talk to Me": When a group of friends discover how to conjure spirits using an embalmed hand, they become hooked on the new thrill, until one of them goes too far and unleashes terrifying supernatural forces.

All movies will be shown uncut and in widescreen format at noon. The film festival, recommended for adult audiences, will be held in the library's Lovell Room. 

BULLS & BEARS CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

By Jonathan Towle

As the president of Bulls & Bears, our Oronoque investment club, I would like to offer interested Village residents the opportunity to join us.

The club runs a portfolio of our own money that we invest in individual stocks that we chose at our monthly meetings. The club has been in existence since 1982, and meets on the first Monday of every month. We are limited to 20 members.

New members invest an initial \$300 in the portfolio, and the required subsequent investment is \$40 a



month, or the equivalent on a quarterly or yearly basis. Our total portfolio with 14 members is currently about \$50,000. The club is structured to accommodate both novices and experienced investors.

Prospective members can attend a meeting or two as guests to get a feel for what the club is about. Our discussions cover a range of investing, economics, and political topics, and the our members present a variety of approaches to investing.

If this appeals to you, please contact me, Jonathan Towle, at 203-612-7082.. OV

ARTS GUILD RECAP: POLI'S PALACE & MAJESTIC THEATERS MEMORY PROJECT

During the annual meeting of the OV Arts Guild (OVAG) on Sept.14, presenters Geralene Valentine and Jay Misencik were welcomed by an engaged audience, with many people anxious to share their many memories of the Poli's Palace and Majestic Theatre in Bridgeport.

Photographers Jay and Geralene presented their artistic video about the theaters as they were in their prime and as they are now, after sitting empty for many years. The video included interviews with people who were connected to the Bridgeport-based theaters in different ways. Jay and Geralene had many stories to tell about their experiences photographing the theaters over the years and explained their histories.

After the presentation, we all enjoyed talking with Jay and Geralene while enjoying desserts provided by the OVAG Board.

During the annual business meeting, a slate of officers was voted in by the membership. The officers for 2024 are: President Barbara Stewart, Vice President Arline Walton, Secretary Betty Mulholland and Treasurer Lee Shlafer. OV



Geralene Valentine and Jay Misencik presented an artistic video during the OVAG's recent annual business meeting.

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We are neighbors offering a helping hand to fellow residents who would like assistance with daily tasks and/or would benefit from increased social interaction with fellow Villagers.

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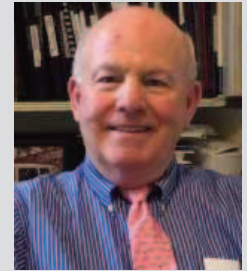
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FUNSEEKERS RECAPS

Story by Marie Orlowe ~ Photo by Letitia Laberee

The Over Easy Trio entertained the Funseekers during their September meeting. The group was formed by Oronoque resident Steve Cinque. The evening's repertoire was relaxing and fun. The musical selections were familiar to their listeners. The rendition of Bing Crosby's "Swinging on a Star" brought couples to the dance floor. Billy Joel's "New York State of Mind," two Beatles' numbers and a Johnny Cash song were also performed. The program included a tribute to the late Jimmy Buffet as they played and sang "Margaritaville."

Many compliments were extended regarding the enjoyable evening.

Letitia Laberee, again, demonstrated her artistic talent with her clever nautical centerpieces. We thank Sabine Curry for the yummy peach crisp she made for dessert.

October Meeting

Last month, a group of four gentlemen entertained at The Funseekers. "A Ticket to Ride," a Beatles tribute band, gave an electrifying performance. The show was a sellout. The gentlemen wore familiar Beatle attire – black jackets, thin black ties and white shirts. Their hair was cut in the usual long bang look. They sang popular tunes, which the audience recognized and joined in by clapping and singing along. They opened the show by singing, "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

Dave Geisler (as George Harrison) delivered, "Do You Want to Know a Secret" – which the crowd appreciated. Todd Meikle (as John Lennon), appearing in a white suit



and the famous wire glasses, sang "Give Peace a Chance." During the finale, both the audience and the performers went all-out crazy with excitement doing "Twist and Shout." What a performance!

Everyone, including the band members, enjoyed dessert and coffee after the show.

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POOL SEASON ENDS WITH A CELEBRATION



Story & photo by Sonya DeBiase

The scheduled date for the closing of the South pools was Saturday, Sept. 30. It was a perfect sunny and warm day. All were invited to come to SCB at 6 p.m. to toast the end of the season and take a last-minute dip before the 8:30 p.m. closing. Twenty poolgoers toasted

and commiserated over the long wait until the pools re-open next year.

The official closing day was extended to Oct. 1. Five Villagers showed up to stay in the heated pool until closing time. Barbara Mayer and Tony Palumbo were the last two out of the pool.

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OVTV SCHEDULE

(OVTV is Channel 591 for those with a cable box and Channel 121-591 for those without a box)

A.M.		12:48	Over Easy performance
7:00	Notices	1:00	Doll Crafting
7:30	Morning Stretch	1:15	Gardening Tips
7:47	Water Workout	1:52	Mahjongg Lesson
7:53	Balance	1:55	Home Safety Tips
7:56	Notices	2:00	E-Bike Tips
8:00	Yoga	2:15	Driving Tips
8:36	Seated Cardio	2:35	Scooter Tips
8:45	Tai Chi	2:55	Silver Bells and Diamonds performance
9:00	Mindfulness Lecture	3:00	'50s Rock 'n' Roll
9:30	Pilates	5:00	Notices
9:41	Notices	5:30	Dog Parade
10:00	CPR Instructions	6:10	Ellie Bond Clarinet Performance
10:15	Walking	6:20	Author T.C. Boyle on his book, "The Women"
10:24	Back Pain	6:45	Braeden Shizume Piano Performance
10:30	Zumba	8:00	OV 50th Anniversary Gala Highlights
11:00	Pickleball Tips	8:30	Adelita Chirono on "Dreams"
11:15	Bocce	9:30	Dog Parade
11:17	Bridge	10:10	Donna Martire Miller Lecture
11:23	Shuffleboard	11:00	Doll Crafting
11:25	Notices	11:15	Gardening
		11:30	Adelita Chirono on "Dreams"
P.M.		12:30	OV 50th Anniversary Gala Highlights
12:00	Donna Martire Miller Lecture	1:00	Relaxing Music
12:40	Square One performance of "Rabbit Hole"		

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DISTRICT 4 FALL NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING RECAP

By **Bob Krakovich**

District 4 recently held a “down-to-earth” Fall Neighborhood Gathering and Election Meeting, followed by an “out-of-this-world” slide presentation.

Re-elected were Bob Krakovich (District Rep), Bob Shea (Treasurer), Jackie Freeman and Liz Bales (Maintenance Rep/Alt) and Patrice Lundgren (SAC Rep). Isabel Torbert begins her second year as District Rep Alternate. The Board welcomes new resident Don Duva (Secretary) and Celeste Jardim (SAC Alt), who has returned following a hiatus.

The guest speaker for the evening was District 4 resident Andy Poniros, who has been a NASA public outreach volunteer for more than 25 years. His credentials also include WPKN radio host and science correspondent, amateur astronomer and telescope maker.

A 45-minute slide presentation, which many claimed was not long enough, titled “My Space Shuttle Experiences,” provided the 78 attendees with awe-inspiring behind-the-scenes photographs Andy took of the last two space shuttle launches, landings and decommissioning. His close-up pictures of the space shuttle were astonishing, as was his interview with John Glenn, which gave us insights into the life of the first U.S. astronaut.



The evening culminated with a penne al la vodka dinner, with plenty of meatballs and sausages, filling the appetites of those who joined us for the event. Thank you to the many helping hands that made the evening go smoothly and to the friends of District 4 who joined us that night.



STRATFORD HOSTS INAUGURAL VETERANS DAY PARADE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11


The Town of Stratford and the Marine Corps League Housatonic Detachment #1129 are pleased to announce the inaugural Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, Nov. 11.

The parade steps off at 10 a.m. from Stratford Town Hall, traveling south on Main Street. The parade will conclude at the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Academy Hill, which is hosted by Stratford’s VFW Post 9460.

Veterans from Stratford and neighboring communities will participate in the parade route. Community and civic organizations are also invited to participate, whether it be marching in the parade or cheering on the sidelines of the parade route.

Please note: Main Street will be closed from Barnum Avenue to Academy Hill from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

St. James Church is hosting its annual Christmas Fair on Nov. 11. Folks attending Veterans Day activities should refrain from parking in the St. James parking lots and on Broad Street.



REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 00326 U.S. ROUTE 1 OVER METRO-NORTH RAILROAD IN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD



LANE CLOSURE INFO

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is announcing that **Route 1 (Barnum Avenue Cutoff) over the Metro North Railroad (Bridge No. 00326) will be reduced from 2-lanes in each direction to 1-lane in each direction beginning on October 12, 2023.**

The purpose of this project is to replace Bridge No. 00326 carrying Route 1 (Barnum Avenue Cutoff) over the Metro-North Railroad. DOT Project No. 0138-0245 was awarded to ROTH Contracting, Inc. at a cost of \$18,523,936.24 on May 10 2023, and **is scheduled to be completed on September 28, 2025.** This project is administered by the Bureau of Engineering and Construction, Office of Construction, District No. 3 in New Haven.

PUPPY LOVE: SAC'S DOG PARADE RAISED FUNDS FOR RESCUE AGENCY

Story by Pam Schwanke ~ Photo by Arline Walton

A week's rain delay didn't dampen the enthusiasm for the nearly two-dozen dogs, their owners and a vocal audience who joined in the fun during the Social Activities Committee (SAC) first-ever "Dog Parade Fundraiser for STARS (Stratford Animal Rescue Society)" on Sept. 30.

Though rain was in the skies during the 24 hours prior to the 2 p.m. start time, Mother Nature cleared the way for smiling dog owners and happy canines along with neighbors, family and friends who gathered in the SCB parking lot for the festivities.

And, the dogs were out Ranging in size from a mighty Doberman Pinscher to a tiny chihuahua, costumed and au naturelle, the pooches were ready to prance, strut, sniff and bark their way into the hearts of everyone who turned out for this inaugural event.

The parade was suggested as a way of giving back to the community we live in, Stratford itself. Inspired by the abundant canine population here in OV, Pam Schwanke, District 6 SAC rep, thought that the event would benefit OV residents as well as the outstanding work of STARS. Schwanke, with District 7 SAC Representative George Zmary, co-chaired the event and spent the past six months planning every detail from the setup to soliciting donations for refreshments and prizes in order to maximize the donations to STARS. "George was a pleasure to work with, reasonable, reliable and hard working, the best partner on a project, ever," said Pam.

Our guests of honor, Karen Tracy, president of STARS, and her staff of skilled volunteers set up their tent and a playpen for three adorable siblings (three of seven in a litter of Cane Corso puppies) who were born at the shelter 11 weeks prior. Miss Yvonne, Captain Carl and Peewee loved the attention.

After a brief photo shoot by our own star photographer, Arline Walton, we started off with the beautiful banner designed for us by a STARS volunteer. During the quarter-mile walk lined with pinwheels, fellow residents stopped to praise the pups, while some residents waved from their windows and decks. The pups brought smile to everyone's faces.

Arriving back at the SCB Clubhouse, it was time for the

pups (and owners) to strut their stuff for the judges — Karen Battista, OV resident and past SAC member, and Sue Sansone, STARS volunteer.

SAC Chair and event emcee Elaine Ficarra introduced each of the pups, their age and special talents as they paraded before the judges.

And the winners were: Cutest: Bambina, Owner Suchada Kulawat; Most obedient: Stella, Owner Ivy Tencer; Most Adorable: Mulligan, Owner Susan Owens; Best trick: Giovanni, Owner Phyllis Pierce. Most Creative Costume: Luna, Owner Judy Schmid

By popular vote: Best in Show: Luna, Owner Judy Schmidt. Runner Up: Oreo, Owner Tricia Baglio

The winners picked their own prizes from a basket of beautiful new toys donated to us by Petco.

Coffee and doughnuts were provided by Dunkin' Donuts, water bottles by BJ's. Oronoque's Animal Hospital Drs. Kissal and Seibold — who couldn't make it to the event — sent a tableful of handouts and supplies, all thanks to the efforts of George Zmary

Decorations: The striking numbers worn by our pet parents were made by Letitia Laberee. Pam Schwanke provided the pinwheels, ballot and donation boxes signs and polka-dotted goodie bags.

We are pleased to announce that we were able to donate a carload of much-needed supplies to STARS, like paper towels, bleach, bath towels, food, dog beds as well as \$700 cash from dog registrations and donation boxes. We are proud and thank you one and all.

Words cannot express our thanks to everyone who gave their support, wisdom, creativity and time to make this event a success. Our volunteers: Greg Carleton, Fred Hall and Joe and Linda Loschiavo and SAC volunteers Stephanie Fians, Elaine Ficarra, Kathy Lukens, Patrice Lundgren, Lynn Schafer, Pat Spodick and Ivy Tencer.

Special mention to Christian Davin, monitor at SCB (we couldn't have done it without him!).

Many thanks to Pat Spodick for jumping in to orchestrate the SCB lobby setup with Christian, just in case the rain came back Also taking charge of the check-in of dogs and owners which was a Herculean effort. And, thank you to Barbara Minoff, whose wisdom and support inspired us.



DARIEN RESIDENT VICTIM OF \$45K PHONE SCAM, POLICE SAY

A Fairfield County resident lost \$45,000 after falling victim to a phone scam. The incident took place in Darien around 11:50 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 29.

A Darien Police officer met with the victim in regard to the phone scam that had taken place the day before.

The victim told officers she received a phone call from a man claiming to be an employee of her bank. She was told there was fraudulent activity on her account and that she needed to verify some information, said Sgt. Dan Skoumbros of the Darien Police.

The woman told officers she stayed on the phone verifying information that was being asked of her. All of the information the victim provided was used by the suspect to set up a new user login for her online banking access, Skoumbros added. She became suspicious after the phone conversation and checked her bank account, where she discovered a wire transfer of \$45,000, police said.

Darien Police remind residents to never provide personal information over the phone.

People lose a lot of money to phone scams — sometimes their life savings. Scammers have figured out countless ways to cheat you out of your money over the phone. In some scams, they act friendly and helpful. In others, they might threaten or try to scare you. One thing you can count on is that a phone scammer will try to get your money or your personal information to commit identity theft. Don't give it to them. Here's what you need to know.

How To Recognize a Phone Scam: Phone scams come in many forms, but they tend to make similar promises and threats, or ask you to pay certain ways. Here's how to recognize a phone scam.

The caller might say you were "selected" for an offer or that you've won a lottery. But if you have to pay to get the prize, it's not a prize.

Scammers might pretend to be law enforcement or a federal agency. They might say you'll be arrested, fined, or deported if you don't pay taxes or some other debt right away. The goal is to scare you into paying. But real law enforcement and federal agencies won't call and threaten you.

Scammers will often ask you to pay in a way that makes it hard for you to get your money back — by wiring money, putting money on a gift card, prepaid card or cash reload card, or using a money transfer app. Anyone who asks you to pay that way is a scammer.

It's never a good idea to give out sensitive information

like your Social Security number to someone who calls you unexpectedly, even if they say they're with the Social Security Administration or IRS.

If a company is selling something, it needs your written permission to call you with a robocall. And if you're on the National Do Not Call Registry, you shouldn't get live sales calls from companies you haven't done business with before. Those calls are illegal. If someone is already breaking the law calling you, there's a good chance it's a scam. At the very least, it's a company you don't want to do business with.

Any scam can happen over the phone. But here are some common angles phone scammers like to use:

Imposter scams: A scammer pretends to be someone you trust — a government agency like the Social Security Administration or the IRS, a family member, a love interest or someone claiming there's a problem with your computer. The scammer can even have a fake name or

number show up on your Caller ID to convince you.

Debt relief and credit repair scams: Scammers will offer to lower your credit card interest rates, fix your credit, or get your student loans forgiven if you pay their company a fee first. But you could end up losing your money and ruining your credit.

Business and investment scams: Callers might promise to help you start your own business and give you business coaching or guarantee big profits from an investment. Don't take their word for it. Learn about the FTC's Business Opportunity Rule, and check out investment opportunities with your state securities regulator.

Charity scams: Scammers like to pose as charities. Scams requesting donations for disaster relief efforts are especially common on the phone. Always check out a charity before you give, and don't feel pressured to give immediately over the phone before you do.

Extended car warranties: Scammers find out what kind of car you drive and when you bought it so they can urge you to buy overpriced — or worthless — service contracts.

"Free" trials: A caller might promise a free trial but then sign you up for products — sometimes lots of products — that you're billed for every month until you cancel.

Loan scams: Loan scams include advance fee loan scams, where scammers target people with a poor credit history and guarantee loans or credit cards for an up-front fee. Legitimate lenders don't make guarantees like that, especially



if you have bad credit, no credit or a bankruptcy.

Prize and lottery scams: In a typical prize scam, the caller will say you've won a prize, but then say you need to pay taxes, registration fees or shipping charges to get it. But after you pay, you find out there is no prize.

Travel scams and timeshare scams: Scammers promise free or low-cost vacations that can end up costing you a lot in hidden costs. And sometimes, after you pay, you find out there is no vacation. In timeshare resale scams, scammers lie and tell you they'll sell your timeshare — and may even have a buyer lined up — if you pay them first.

How To Stop Calls From Scammers

Hang up: Even if it's not a scammer calling, when a company is calling you illegally, it's not a company you want to do business with. When you get a robocall, don't press any numbers. Instead of letting you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list, it might lead to more robocalls.

Consider call blocking or call labeling: Scammers can use the Internet to make calls from all over the world. They

don't care if you're on the National Do Not Call Registry. That's why your best defense against unwanted calls is call blocking. Which type of call-blocking or call-labeling technology you use will depend on the phone — whether it's a cell phone, a traditional landline or a home phone that makes calls over the Internet (VoIP). See what services your phone carrier offers, and look online for expert reviews. For cell phones, you also can check out the reviews for different call-blocking apps in your online app store.

Don't trust your Caller ID: Scammers can make any name or number show up on your caller ID. That's called spoofing. So even if it looks like it's a government agency like the Social Security Administration calling, or like the call is from a local number, it could be a scammer calling from anywhere in the world.

Learn more about unwanted calls and what to do about them by visiting the Federal Trade Commission website at ftc.gov/calls.

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STATE BANKING OFFICIALS WARN OF TEXT SCAMS

Connecticut banking customers have recently been targeted in a text scam claiming they needed to call their bank's fraud department, state Department of Banking officials said.

Several customers of Connecticut financial institutions have reported receiving such texts.

The "fraudsters" are using information collected on calls to access customer account information and record transaction detail, state banking officials said. The fraudsters then call customers back and pose as "customer support" to "confirm" the suspicious transactions that are now mixed with valid transactions to make the call seem legitimate, state banking officials said.

The fraudsters have, in some cases, told customers that they are sending a courier to collect their "compromised" bank cards. In some cases, customers have left the cards in mailboxes for the "courier," who then takes it and proceeds to withdraw funds from an Automated Teller Machine, state banking officials said.

It has also been reported that the fraudsters are selling customer data to local groups that use the information, state banking officials said. In the past, the information would be used to attempt out-of-area purchases that would be flagged and denied by fraud monitoring software. The new pattern is that individuals are using the information for local purchases that are more difficult to detect, according to banking officials.

Banking officials said a financial institution will never call or send a customer a text requesting personal financial information, such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, PINs or passwords. If that

happens, it is a scam, officials said.

If a text that appears to be from a legitimate source, customers can be on the lookout for the following Red Flags:

- * The text indicates there is an issue with your account
- * The texts demand immediate action
- * The text asks for a call to a specific telephone number or a click on a link

"Never call the number provided or click on that link. Rather, look up the number independently and use a trusted number, for example the telephone number on the back of your bank card or account statement," banking officials said. "Similarly, open a separate browser and type in the financial institution's website. This will ensure you are on the legitimate site, and will allow you to confirm the legitimacy of the text message in question.

"The key is to verify that the person or entity that contacted you is in fact the legitimate source. When it comes to your personal financial information, there is never a reason to act under pressure based on an unsolicited text or telephone call. Always make sure the person you are speaking with is in fact a representative of your financial institution, and if you cannot verify that, contact your bank or credit union independently and arrange to meet in person."

For additional questions or to report a fraud or scam, consumers may contact: State of Connecticut, Department of Banking, 260 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103, phone: 1-800-831-7225 / web: <https://portal.ct.gov/dob>

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Adelita Chirino, our presenter has been helping people connect to their dream lives for over forty years. She says "We all dream. Even if we don't remember our dreams, it's

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It's Not Just a Dream: How Dreams Contribute To Our Mental And Spiritual Well Being



November 9 4pm, SCB lounge

Arts Guild members attend free of charge, and guests pay \$8 at the door. Wine and appetizers will be served after the presentation.

The Movie Club Presents *Operation Fortune: Ruse de Guerre*



Friday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. NCB
Wed. , Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. at SCB
\$1 admission includes popcorn

In this action comedy, Special agent Orson Fortune and his team of operatives recruit one of Hollywood's biggest movie stars to help them on an undercover mission when the sale of a deadly new weapons technology threatens to disrupt the world order.

Jason Stathan, Aubrey Plaza, Hugh Grant, Josh Hartnett and Cary Elwes star.



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DECEMBER 6, 12:30 P.M., NCB
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Potato pancakes (latkes), sour cream, applesauce, salad and dessert will be served.

Please put your reservation for this program in the Hadassah box at the North Clubhouse by December 1.

Questions? Call Arlene Block at 203-870-9561 or Lillian Schlager at 203-380-8387.

OV Wine Club: Grape Expectations, November 30



Join us for our Holiday Wine Tasting. This tasting will be a “Wine Terroir.” We will taste 3 Pinot Noirs and 3 Chardonnays and see how the “sense of place”: climate, soil, elevation, & tradition affect the character of the same varietal grape. Come and enjoy. This will be a fun approach to wine-tasting.

When: Friday, November 30, 7-9 p.m. at NCB

Cost: \$30 per person. Attendance is limited to the first 40 respondents.

Your check to OV Wine Club is your reservation.

Deposit checks in OV Wine Club mailbox in NCB no later than Nov. 24.



The event will include:

Entrance wine (bubbly)

Tasting of 6 wines (3 Pinot Noirs, 3 Chardonnays)

Light fare to accompany wine

Post wine-tasting treats by Dorothy Tanski

Please no checks before Nov. 2.

Questions: contact Charlie DiGiovanni 203-258-8063



Presents

How To Create A Haven For Monarch Butterflies



"Monarchs, the once plentiful beauties of yard and field, have suffered habitat loss so great that their numbers in recent years have dwindled to 10% of their peak population".



Master gardener Alice Ely, will talk about how to attract a bevy of Monarchs to your garden! Learn how to create the perfect environment through special plantings like Milkweed and create a haven for this beautiful endangered species.



Monday, November 13, 2023 1:00 pm SCB

Coffee, Tea & Treats served following the program

Members: Free - Guests \$5



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

The book for the Nov. 6 meeting is "The Women" by T.C. Boyle.

The book for Dec. 6 is "Chasing to My Grave" by Winfred Rembert, which presents the late artist Winfred Rembert's breathtaking body of work alongside his story.

Rembert grew up in a family of Georgia field laborers, joined the Civil Rights movement as a teenager, survived a near-lynching at the hands of law enforcement and spent seven years on chain gangs.

There he learned the leather-tooling skills that became the bedrock of his autobiographical paintings. Years later, encouraged by his wife, Patsy, Rembert brought his past to vibrant life in scenes of joy and terror, from the promise of joy and terror, from the promise of southern Black commerce to the brutality of chain gang labor.

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