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## OVRTD IS ACCEPTING RESUMES/PETITIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Oronoque Village Tax District (OVRTD) is accepting resumes and petitions for three Director and four Officer positions. Qualifications to serve as an OVRTD Director include service to the community, legislative experience and professional background.

Directors are expected to attend all OVRTD quarterly meetings. In addition, candidates for certain officer positions should have appropriate skills, qualities and experience.

Beginning this year, the resume packet will also include a Nominating Petition that requires 10 signatures from residents who support a specific resident's campaign. This packet is available in the Business Office. The completed packet should be submitted to the Business Office, attention Christine Smith, or emailed to

office@Oronoquevillage.com. The deadline for submission of the packet to be a candidate is Tuesday, March 25, at 5 p.m.

All candidates will be presented for voters' consideration. There will no longer be a three-member vetting committee to determine who appears on the ballot. The slate of candidates will be announced during the April 23 OVRTD Board Meeting. The OVRTD Board will also hold a "Meet the Candidates" night on May 8, when each candidate will have an opportunity to speak to the attending residents.

For questions, please contact Sabine Curry at 607-287-2460.



## NOTICE OF OVRTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION ORDINANCE

(APPROVED DURING THE JANUARY 23, 2024, BOARD MEETING)

**2024.01 – Procedures for Board of Directors Election**  
**Section 1: Purpose and Scope** This ordinance is enacted to establish the procedures and regulations governing the election of the Board of Directors for OVRTD, ensuring transparency, fairness, and adherence to applicable laws. The OVRTD Board shall advertise the upcoming yearly election in various OV media.

**Section 2: Candidate Eligibility** All Candidates: a. Must be at least 18 (eighteen) years of age. b. Must be a citizen of the United States. c. Must be a resident of Oronoque Village. d. Must be registered to vote in the Town of Stratford.

**Section 3: Nomination Process** a. All residents interested in the opportunity shall obtain a Candidate's Packet from the Business Office. b. Candidate must obtain the signatures of ten (10) Oronoque Village residents showing their support for the Candidate c. This Petition, along with the Candidate's resume (preferably one page), or a brief statement of their qualifications and intentions, shall be submitted to the Business Office by a designated date.

**Section 4: Special Meeting** a. A Special Meeting of the OVRTD Board will be held shortly after this designated date. There will be candidates' resumes available for review by residents on the OV Website. Each Candidate shall have the

opportunity to speak to the residents regarding their background, experience, Village participation, etc. After each candidate's presentation, residents will be able to ask questions.

**Section 5: Voting Process** a. The slate of director and officer candidates shall be presented to the Tax District voters for election at the annual meeting in May, at least 30 days prior to the end of the fiscal year. b. The four Officer positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Clerk, must also be elected as Directors. c. No person can serve concurrently on both the OVRTD and OVCA Board of Directors. d. Each voter shall be entitled to a single vote regardless of the amount or number of properties the voter owns or occupies within the District.

**Section 6: Certification of Results** The final election results shall be certified, and a report submitted to the Board of Directors.

**Section 7: Implementation** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval. This Ordinance 2024.01 – Procedures for Board of Directors Election, supersedes all previously approved ordinances related to officer and director nominations for OVRTD Board of Directors.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NOTICE: MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR PUBLIC WORKS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Due to recommendations by the OV Strategic Planning focus teams, the OVCA Board is creating a Public Works Ad Hoc Committee. This is a "Call for Volunteers" to join this effort.

The Committee's primary responsibility is twofold:

1) To advise and assist in developing and administering an ongoing program to preserve and enhance OV's physical assets and infrastructure, particularly with respect to the maintenance of — and improvements to — buildings, grounds and other facilities.

2) To advise and assist the OVCA and OVTD Boards

in developing strategies to ensure the long-term physical and economic well-being of Oronoque Village.

If you have a background in urban management or improving the efficiency/economy of a condo community or have experience in developing programs, policies, plans or practices that preserve community infrastructure while enhancing development, we welcome you to join our team.

Please send a bio or resume to Executive Director Mark Rhatigan at [office@oronoquevillage.com](mailto:office@oronoquevillage.com) by April 15.



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO PRESENT TWO EVENTS

The League of Women Voters Bridgeport Area will hold a general meeting on Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. in the NCB Card Room. The featured guest speaker is Dr. David Chess, editor/publisher of the Stratford Crier, who offers some new voter service and volunteering opportunities followed by a League-led discussion of early voting and the April 2 presidential primary: what we know and what we don't.

The League of Women Voters of CT Oronoque Study Group meets on Thursday, March 21, at 4 p.m. at NCB. OVTD President Sabine Curry will speak about the Oronoque Village Tax District's mission and its relationship to both the Oronoque Village Condominium Association and the Town of Stratford's tax structure.

All residents and their guests are invited to attend these two meetings.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization (of women and men) that encourages active participation in government.

Questions? Contact Marge Heffel, Oronoque resident and treasurer, LWVCT, at 203-913-5695 or [mcheffel@gmail.com](mailto:mcheffel@gmail.com).

## CALL FOR ART AT SCB ON APRIL 2

The OV Arts Guild will install the Galerie OV spring show on April 2 from 10-11 a.m. The theme for this show is "Things I Love To Do" (Or, perhaps, it's something you used to love to do!) As always, have fun with this theme.

All medium will be accepted and each artist can submit one or two pieces of art. Hanging artwork must be securely wired across the back of the piece ( no alligator

hooks, loops etc.) Three-dimensional art will be displayed on pedestals. Entries must be your own original work.

Each piece of art requires two information forms. For hanging art, place one on the back and one on the front of your artwork. For three-dimensional art, put one on the artwork and hand the other one to the OV Arts Guild committee member who is assisting you. Each exhibitor must also fill out a waiver form.

If you wish to have these forms ahead of time, contact Barbara Stewart at 203-612-1373 or [barbsmt@yahoo.com](mailto:barbsmt@yahoo.com). They will also be available on April 2.

A wine-and-cheese reception is Sunday, April 14, at 4 p.m. at SCB.

## SAVE PIPES, DON'T FLUSH WIPES

Many household cleaning products are labeled and marketed as disposable; many baby hygiene products are labeled both disposable and flushable.

While these products may be marketed as a convenience item, the truth is that these household wipes have the ability to clog and stop up your sewer pipes. They can also cause blockage and service problems in town sewer systems and pump stations.

Unlike toilet paper, these products don't break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your sewer lines, especially older pipelines that may have grease, roots or other obstructions already existing. Line blockages can lead to nasty sewer backups in your home.

On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system, they collect together and cause clogs in sewer main lines and get tangled in pump stations requiring repair or possibly even expensive replacement of equipment. Always properly dispose of wipes in a trash receptacle, whether they are labeled "flushable" or not.

## A CHARITY CO-FOUNDED BY OV'S JERRY ASHTON IS HELPING TO WIPE OUT MEDICAL DEBT FOR THOUSANDS OF CT RESIDENTS

Story by Carol King

Last month, Oronoque Village resident Jerry Ashton's organization was working behind the scenes when Governor Ned Lamont proposed a strategy to reduce medical debts for Connecticut residents. The governor publicly unveiled plans to use \$20 million in federal pandemic aid to potentially cancel billions of dollars in medical debt for thousands of people who reside in the Nutmeg State.

The organization the state will be working with to accomplish this monumental task is RIP Medical Debt, a 501(c)(3) charity that Jerry co-founded in 2014. The governor's plan involves working with RIP to perform a remarkable act: forgiving state residents of their unpayable medical debts.

"To be exact, RIP will relieve a quarter-million of Connecticut's residents of over \$650 million in medical debt this year," explains Jerry. "I was pleased to see the press given to RIP about this partnership."

Jerry and his wife, Kate Coburn, became part-time residents of the state three years ago when they moved to Oronoque Village. "I believe we will surprise our neighbors to learn of the mischief I have been up to since residing here," he says.

In a prepared statement released by the governor's office, Lamont said: "This initiative will not only help Connecticut residents who are saddled with debt financially, but it also lifts the significant emotional toll that this type of debt has on individuals who do not have the means to get out from under such crushing debt, especially for those who are simultaneously experiencing significant medical problems."

The governor plans to use \$20 million from Connecticut's American Rescue Plan Act allocation to contract with the charity to work directly with Connecticut hospital systems to purchase — and then cancel — million-dollar portfolios of patient accounts ranging in age from a few months to several years.

Approximately 19 percent of American households carry medical debt, and the median amount is about \$2,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This burden falls more heavily on people of color, with 27.9 percent of Black families and 21.7 percent of Latino households carrying medical debt.

About 31 percent of U.S. households — with a member in fair or poor health — also have medical debt, according to census data.

In his statement, the governor noted: "Several state and local governments have seen significant success at canceling medical debt for their residents using this model, and I think this is absolutely the right way we should use this COVID-recovery funding."



Last year, "CBS News Sunday Morning," a weekly talk show, featured Jerry Ashton in a segment that detailed his charity, RIP Medical Debt, and its efforts to relieve unpayable medical debts for many Americans. Ashton is pictured here with CBS News correspondent Martha Teichner.

Jerry reports that he is now turning his attention to targeting debt he feels to be even more egregious than unpayable medical bills: "There is predatory debt that snags our veterans," he states. "Few people realize that our nation's defenders are continuously targeted with duplicitous teaser rates and zero-down mortgages, payday loans, student debt, high-interest credit cards and short-term car note loans."

He adds, "The Consumer Finance Protection Bureau's statistics show that 30 percent of all consumer complaints are veterans and their families — and veterans comprise less than 10 percent of our population."

"Just like my foray into medical debt, this is a wrong that needs to be righted," Jerry says.

Jerry founded a second charity, End Veteran Debt, to do just that. "Just as with RIP, the press took notice beginning with an investigative report by Louisville Public Media in November of 2023 and another in The Guardian in December of that year," he says. "More investigative pieces are on the way."

Those who served our country deserve better than they are receiving, he asserts. "Our veterans were there for us. It's time for us to be there for them," Jerry declares. "Connecticut is as good a place as any to take the lead in proving our appreciation of their service."

For information on Jerry's charities, visit <https://endveterandebt.org> or <https://ripmedicaldebt.org>. He can be reached via email at [jerry@endveterandebt.org](mailto:jerry@endveterandebt.org).



# FEATURES

## WEEKENDERS PRESENTS BRAZILIAN SINGING SENSATION ON MAY 18

Singing sensation Jose Paulo will perform for Weekenders at 6 p.m. on May 18 at NCB. A fabulous evening of music and dining is planned.

Jose Paulo's voice will mesmerize you and his personality will charm you. He is very versatile and he has studied in various certified music schools. He is able to sing all styles of music in English, Portuguese, Italian and French. Jose, who resides in Newington, is a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He started performing at the age of 12, singing "Avé Maria" at local weddings.

He released his first CD in 2008, toured two weeks in Japan, sang for Pope Paul II, and has performed at many different venues such as Foxwoods, The United Nations and in concerts with Sergio Franchi and Guitar under the Stars.

In 2016, he released his second album CD, titled "This is Me." All songs on "This is Me" CD were composed and

sung by him. His vocal talents were recognized with the Brazilian International Press Award.

His influences are Andrea Bocelli, Josh Groban, Frank Sinatra, Luiz Miguel, Celine Dion, Juan Luiz Guerra, Roberto Carlos, Ivete Sangalo and Il Divo. among others.



The admission price of \$30 includes a dinner of eggplant parm, chicken cutlet Italiano, cavatelli with broccoli, salad, rolls, butter, coffee, tea, soda, and dessert.

To attend, put checks with any table arrangements in the Weekenders box at NCB by May 8. More details will be included in the April 1 and April 15 Villagers.

Questions? Call Carol at 203-375-2101.



## JERRY REECE SCULPTURE WINS FALL 2023 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Story by Anita Cody ~ Photo by Arline Walton



The winner of the fall 2023 OV Arts Guild People's Choice Award is "The Rhythm of the Night" by Jerry Reece. The sculpture, which depicts a couple in a jazz nightclub setting, has a sexy kind of vibe.

A new form of sculpture for this artist, it is formed by a welded iron armature and fleshed out with foil, epoxy clay and painted patina for the details.

Recently, Jerry began working in the studio of West Haven-based sculptor David Millen,

learning some of the techniques used in this art form. Jerry is grateful for the opportunity to work with Millen, who recognizes Jerry's talent and has generously allowed him to grow as an artist while working independently in the studio.

Thematically, Jerry's sculptural works feature black people from all walks of life. Says Jerry, "I want people to un-

derstand that we are not a monolithic people. There are people that have many, many different occupations and all those people look just like me"



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## RESIDENT MONITORS ATTEND 'MEET & GREET' AT SCB

Story by Carol King ~ Photos by Kathy Stevens

The Oronoque Village Monitor Program presented a get-together last month where resident volunteers had a chance to get acquainted and enjoy a light lunch.

Monitor volunteers are critical to the running of the Resident Call-In Program as well as the day-to-day operations of the South Clubhouse.

Each volunteer donates 2 hours each week to maintain a presence and assist with such duties as checking visitors in and out, patrolling the building, maintaining thermostats and locked doors and participating in the Call-In Program, which enables residents who live alone to check in daily or have monitors check up on them.

"By signing up for the Call-In Program, residents are asked to 'check-in' each day — via a phone call — with a volunteer monitor on duty," explains Kathy Lukens, Monitor Program coordinator. "If a call is not received between 9-10 a.m., a welfare check will occur to make sure

the resident is okay."

Says Kathy, "From early in the Call-In Program history, it became apparent that some OV residents would be living alone for the first time without close contact with their families. To ensure peace of mind for all involved, we instituted the Call-In Program for those residents who wish to take advantage of this service."

She adds, "If you desire this service for yourself, or perhaps your loved ones want to make sure your best interests are being looked after, it is advised that you investigate this opportunity."

On weekends, monitors call and check in with each of the residents who have signed up for the Call-In Program.

Kathy notes that the Monitor Program welcomes new monitors and substitutes. For information on participating or volunteering, contact Kathy at [wklukens@comcast.net](mailto:wklukens@comcast.net) or 203-612-6685.





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## ACTIVITIES

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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 the month.

### DROP-IN BRIDGE

• Drop-in Bridge takes place on Mondays at 6:00 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.

### 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](mailto:dinabob7@comcast.net) / 203-231-4753 or Maddy Lapidès: [mslapid@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:MvonZ@optonline.net) or call 203-767-9760.

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# CALENDAR

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

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Arts Guild Presentation, SCB

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- 10:00 a.m. – League of Women Voters, NCB
- 4:00 p.m. – Private Party, SCB (C)

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 3:00 p.m. – Pletman Concert, NCB

## MONDAY, MARCH 18

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB (C)
- **3:00 p.m. – OVCA Finance Committee, NCB**
- 6:00 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- **10:30 a.m. – Marketing Subcommittee Mtg, NCB**
- 2:00 p.m. – Writer's Group, SCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Art Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- **7:00 p.m. – OVCA Board Mtg, NCB**

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 (C)
- **1:00 p.m. – Marketing Subcommittee Mtg, NCB**
- 5:00 p.m. – District 2 Meeting, SCB

- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 8 Mtg, NCB

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- 10:00 a.m. – Cornhole, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Village Quilters, NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- **1:00 p.m. – Marketing Subcommittee Mtg, NCB**
- 4:00 p.m. – League of Women Voters, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 1 Mtg, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB
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## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB (C)
- 6:30 p.m. – Karaoke & Dance Party, SCB
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## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

- 10:00 a.m. – District 3 Mtg, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Private Party, NCB (C)

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- 9:00 a.m. – Private Party, SCB (C)

## MONDAY, MARCH 25

- 10:30 a.m. – Guys & Dolls Bus Trip Departs From SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Mahjong, SCB (C)
- **3:30 p.m. – Bylaws Committee Meeting, NCB**
- 6:00 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB

## TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Art Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- 6:00 p.m. – District 5 Meeting, SCB

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginners, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, all levels, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 4 Mtg, SCB

## THURSDAY, MARCH 28

- 10:00 a.m. – Cornhole, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 5:30 p.m. – District 6, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB

## FRIDAY, MARCH 29

### ***Business & Maintenance Offices Are Closed***

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB (C)

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- 12:00 p.m. – Private Party, NCB (C)

## SAVE THE DATE

### MONDAY JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ORONOQUE VILLAGE GOLF TOURNAMENT



We are looking for volunteers & committee members  
If interested - please contact  
Lucy Andrade

email: [ljandrade12@gmail.com](mailto:ljandrade12@gmail.com)  
203-258-4519

## SUNDAY, MARCH 31: No events scheduled

## MONDAY, APRIL 1

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



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



## 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](mailto:office@oronoquevillage.com) or delivering submissions, in writing, to the Business Office at NCB.

Deadline for entries is March 29. 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.



## WEBSITE INSIGHTS

### FIND IT ON THE WEB:

*Contact our Staff:* Some staff extension numbers recently changed. Find telephone numbers and email addresses on [oronoquevillage.com](http://oronoquevillage.com)'s private, residents'-only side from the opening/home page, click on STAFF.

*When Is That Board Meeting?* Find the OVCA and OVTD Board Meeting schedules on the opening/home page under CONDO NEWS & NOTIFICATIONS. Scroll down and click on "Schedule of 2024 OVCA and OVTD Board Meetings."

*Want other dates?* Check out the latest on the CALENDAR.

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

1. You don't need to be technical. Remember the "point-and-shoot" cameras? Our new video equipment isn't so different. Want to learn how to use it and take videos of your club or group's activities? Contact Len Nachbar at 732-547-3322 or Mary von Ziegesar at 304-767-9760 and sign up for a tutorial.

2. Experience with marketing? We are looking for volunteers to participate in focus groups to update our external marketing tools. Interested? Call Tom Fuchs at 203-500-6646. We have a group of Realtors, a group of new residents and a group of seasoned residents.

If you are interested, attend one meeting and tell us what you think. We value your input.

—Submitted by Mary von Ziegesar



### FEBRUARY 15 CAPTION CONTEST WINNERS

**1st Place:** "Next time I'll use a hair dryer!" - Marcia Hayducky

**2nd Place:** "Bob read the tag wrong. He thought it said 'Wear and Wash'" - Bob Krakovich

### QUICK CONTACT LIST

Police, Fire, Medical Emergency .....	911
Routine Police Call.....	203-385-4100
OV Security .....	203-377-5502
Maintenance Emergency .....	203-377-5502
Gas Leak (So.Ct.GasCo.) .....	800-513-8898
Elec. Emergency (U.I.) .....	800-722-5584
Business Office .....	203-377-5313
Maintenance Dept .....	203-375-8853
South Clubhouse .....	203-377-5435
Optimum Cablevision Service.....	203-336-2225



## Mozaic Home Care

Our focus is on healing, independence and overall wellness when support and professional care is required after a hospital stay, illness, or for managing a chronic health condition.

- Skilled Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Medical Social Work
- Nutritional Counseling
- Home Health Aides

## Mozaic Companions & Homemakers

We provide supervised caregivers of the highest quality who have completed rigorous employee screenings, including background check, physical, drug screening, and references.

- Meal Preparation, Housekeeping, Laundry, and Errands
- Transportation to Appointments,
- Assistance with Personal Care and Activities of Daily Living
- Medication Reminders
- Flexible Scheduling 4 – 24 hours
- Staff Electronic Visit Verification

## Mozaic Hospice

We deliver compassionate care for people facing a life-limiting illness.

- Medical Care and Oversight of Pain Management
- Specialized Registered Nurses, Therapists, Home Health Aides and Social Workers
- Emotional Support and Guidance
- Caregiver Education and Support
- Grief and Loss Counseling
- Hospice Volunteers
- Pet and Music Therapy

For more information on these services, please contact us at **203-396-1136**, [homecare@mozaicsl.org](mailto:homecare@mozaicsl.org) or [hospice@mozaicsl.org](mailto:hospice@mozaicsl.org)

**The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus** ■ 4200 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604 ■ 203-365-6400 ■ [mozaicsl.org](http://mozaicsl.org)  
For information about all Mozaic Senior Life services, please call **1-833-MSL-LINK** (675-5465)

Nobody knows the Village...



...like another Villager!



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# DISTRICT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISTRICT 3 TO MEET ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23

**D**istrict 3 will have its March Meeting on Saturday, March 23, at 10 a.m. at SCB. This day will hopefully bring out those who work during the week and often shy away from night meetings.

A continental breakfast at the 10 a.m. start will give residents an opportunity to catch up on what is happening in the district. A speaker presentation will follow our short business meeting. Leah Natter, RN from the Stratford Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) Inc., will address the group with timely facts and strategies for taking medications at home. Compliance with what and how medicine is taken

can be an issue for the 55-plus set. Joining Leah is Elizabeth Stea, who is with the Care Connections Program, a part of the VNA, Inc. services. She will share her part in the Connections Program and highlight the services listed in its brochure.

Residents should watch their black box for a flyer with the specifics, which will be delivered soon. Questions can be directed to Stephanie Fians at 203-258-7445 or Tricia Baglio at 978-884-0400.

An RSVP is needed for this meeting.

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## DISTRICT 4 GATHERING SET FOR MARCH 27

**O**n Wednesday, March 27, 6 p.m. at SCB, District 4 will hold its Spring Neighborhood Gathering. District Rep Bob Krakovich will welcome attendees, followed by summary reports from District Board members. Guest speakers and a meal will end the evening.

Oronoque resident Bill Romanello, a member of The Geronimo Foundation, will be the guest speaker. The Geronimo Foundation is a Wallingford-based nonprofit historical society dedicated to the preservation of American military history. Bomber-crew high-altitude flight gear — along with items from the “home front” such as wartime posters from WWII, cameras, rationing cards and an Air Raid instruction sheet from Trumbull — will be on display.

His co-speaker, who is a weaponry specialist, will bring items from the 501st Airborne Infantry Regiment,

along with a Modell 1911 issued sidearm and an M1 Garande rifle. Their collections have been displayed locally for many years.

Corned beef, turkey or veggie sandwiches — along with various salads, beverages/desserts — are on the menu. BYOB if you wish. All Villagers and their guests are welcome to attend.

Cost for District 4 residents is \$8 per person (if dues have been paid) and \$18 per person for all others. Payments, with names of those attending, should be placed in the District 4 mailbox by Friday, March 22.

Call Bob Krakovich at 203-752-6105 with questions.

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## DISTRICT 7 AND DISTRICT 10 ANNOUNCE APRIL MEETING DATES

**District 7** will hold a spring meeting on April 17 at NCB at 6 p.m.

Dinner will be served. More details to follow as the date nears.

**District 10** will hold its first meeting of 2024 on April 11 at NCB at 6 p.m. Please save the date and look for further details coming to your black box soon.

Questions? Please call Regina Archazki, District 10 rep, at 203-915-0781.

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**All Villagers are invited to attend Hadassah's modern Passover seder.**

**Learn about the meaning of Passover: it is a holiday celebrating freedom, justice and peace for all.**

**When: Wed., April 10**

**Time & Place: 12 p.m. at NCB**

**Admission: A Passover Dish Plus \$3**

**RSVPs by April 5 Are Required.**

**Arlene: 203-870-9561**

**Lillian: 203-380-8387**



**MARCH 24: GUYS & DOLLS CLUB PRESENTS A CLASS ON SAFELY VIEWING THE APRIL 8 SOLAR ECLIPSE 6 P.M. / NORTH CLUBHOUSE**

We are fortunate to have Andy Poniros, a NASA/JPL Public Outreach Volunteer, who will give a PowerPoint presentation on March 24 about how Solar Eclipses occur, where to view the upcoming April 8th Eclipse and how to view it safely. Andy is an OV resident and many of you may have heard him speak about NASA during a District 4 Meeting.

The path of this Solar Eclipse should offer some of the best eclipse viewing in the U.S. in recent times. Safe Sun Viewing glasses and other NASA handouts will be available for attendees.



***There will be no charge to attend this event, though donations will be appreciated. Coffee will be served after the lecture.***



# HOUSE & GARDEN TAG SALE



**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 9-2 SCB**

**RESERVE A TABLE - \$20 Per Table**  
(OV Residents only)



## WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

If you don't have enough items to reserve a table, consider donating your goods to House & Garden tag sale area by the stage. Items can be dropped off at the SCB stage on April 26 after 3. Silver, pottery, artwork, china, crystal, (boutique accessories, (jewelry, purses, scarves, perfumes,) housewares, small appliances, small furniture, lamps, etc. -NO computers, odds and ends glassware, no chipped or dirty items—especially uncleaned or soiled small appliances, no books, CD's, DVD's or videos.



## BAKE SALE



Donations of baked goods are needed. Please drop off on April 26 after 3 or April 27 before 9. Contact Irene Heating 203.377.3980



**Doors open at 7:30 A.M. on April 27, 2024 TO SET UP!**  
All unsold items must be taken with you at end of sale!



Fill Out This Form and deposit in House & Garden mailbox BEFORE April 22nd - 2024.

**Table Reservations:**  
Merrilees Leemhuis  
203.378.8753

Please Make Out Check To House & Garden Club



**Questions?**  
Debbie Grosso  
203.380.2468

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How many tables?: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Check Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Participation Helps Beautify The Village!



PLETMAN CONCERTS  
PRESENTS

**Jory Lane**  
VIOLINIST

*With Guest Violinist*  
**Annie Chen**

*Stravinsky, J.S. Bach*  
*& Paganini*

*PLUS DUETS BY*  
*Glière & Leclair*

**March 17, 2024 3 P.M.**

Oronoque Village,  
North Community Building



**GUYS &  
DOLLS**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

**6:30PM**

**SOUTH CLUBHOUSE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL**



**PLAYOFF**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

Game Rules will be emailed to each player prior to the event so we all are playing with the same rules.

Multiple prizes will be given.

Who will be our 1<sup>st</sup> Place Rummikub Winner!

\$ 20.00 Per Player

Checks Payable to: Guys & Dolls



**All Registrations must be received by Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Rummikub game that you can bring to the event?      YES      NO

**DROP YOUR REGISTRATION WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO GUYS & DOLLS MAILBOX AT THE NORTH CLUBHOUSE.**



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

Please join us for our next Karaoke/Dance Party on March 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!



# FUNSEEKERS PRESENTS

## OLDIES ROCK N ROLL DUO: THE ELDERLY BROTHERS

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

7pm Doors Open 6:15 SCB

ADMISSION: \$7.00 MEMBERS, \$11.00 NON-RESIDENT GUESTS

Long-time popular solo artists, T-Bone Stankus (guitar) and Brian Gillie (keyboards) have teamed up as The Elderly Brothers, serving up mint-condition "oldies" rock 'n' roll with pitch-perfect harmonies and soulful improvisations as fresh as the originals. No sleepwalk down memory lane with these guys! Their radiant renditions, audience interaction, dancing groove and dose of mischief make their '50s and '60s rock-hop repertoire a unique and contagious kind of fun, and a joyous celebration of some good ol' fashioned shake, rattle and roll... sh BOOM!

Advance reservations required and payment will be accepted from March 16th through April 5th unless maximum capacity is reached. Open to resident Funseekers members and one non-resident guest per single resident until March 26th. Starting on March 27th, if there is space availability, member residents may sign up any number of non-resident guests. **PLEASE PUT \$7.00 CHECK PER PERSON INTO FUNSEEKERS MAILBOX, NCB (\$11.00 NON-RESIDENT GUEST).** If you haven't paid your 2024 membership, please join for \$15 per person. Membership required for residents to attend. Questions? Call Lynn Collins 203-260-4644.

BYOB and SNACKS! Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks & Dessert To Be Served

**GUYS&DOLLS**  
PRESENTS  
**THE FABULOUS MONTHLY**

**BINGO**

**\$2.50/CARD**  
**RAFFLE PRIZES**  
**Plus A BIG 50/50**  
**"SWEET TREATS"**

**MARCH 21, 7 P.M.**  
**at South Community Building**

**THE GUYS AND DOLLS CLUB**



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

The book for April 3 is "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. Remarkable . . . An unflinching yet life-affirming drama about the power of art and love to push back to, in dangerous times.

"Our Missing Hearts" is an old story, made new, of the ways supposedly civilized communities can ignore the most searing injustice. It's about the lessons and legacies we pass on to our children, and the power of art to create change.

The author shows how we are so willing to blame a crisis on an enemy ... in this case, the Chinese. A Chinese family has to deal with injustice and cruelty.

The book is very thought-provoking and, in light of past and present happenings, it makes you think that this could happen, and in some cases ... it has.

The book for May is "The Doctors Blackwell" by Janice P Nimura.



**Presents Our New Art Show**

**Things I Love To Do!**

**Opening Reception**  
**Sunday,**  
**April 14,**  
**2024**  
**4 pm SCB**





## GOOD TIMES CLUB PRESENTS

*Neil Diamond ... The Tribute From Las Vegas*

**AQUA TURF CLUB, PLANTSVILLE, CT, TUESDAY, MAY 14**

Longtime Las Vegas entertainer and Legends in Concert alumni Rob Garrett has become the #1 Neil Diamond tribute artist with his unparalleled portrayal of the legendary performer.

The show features all of your favorite hits: "Cherry, Cherry," "Coming to America," "Girl, You'll Be a Woman Soon," "I'm a Believer" and, of course, "Sweet Caroline."

**Bus Departs SCB: 10:15 a.m. (Coffee & Donuts on Arrival) / Estimated Return: 4:30 p.m.**

**Family-Style Menu: Garden salad, pizza, pasta, chicken ala Kathryn and broiled scrod with crumb topping, vegetable, potato, rolls, dessert and coffee.**

**Cost: \$128 per person, based on 35-50. Motorcoach and gratuities included.**

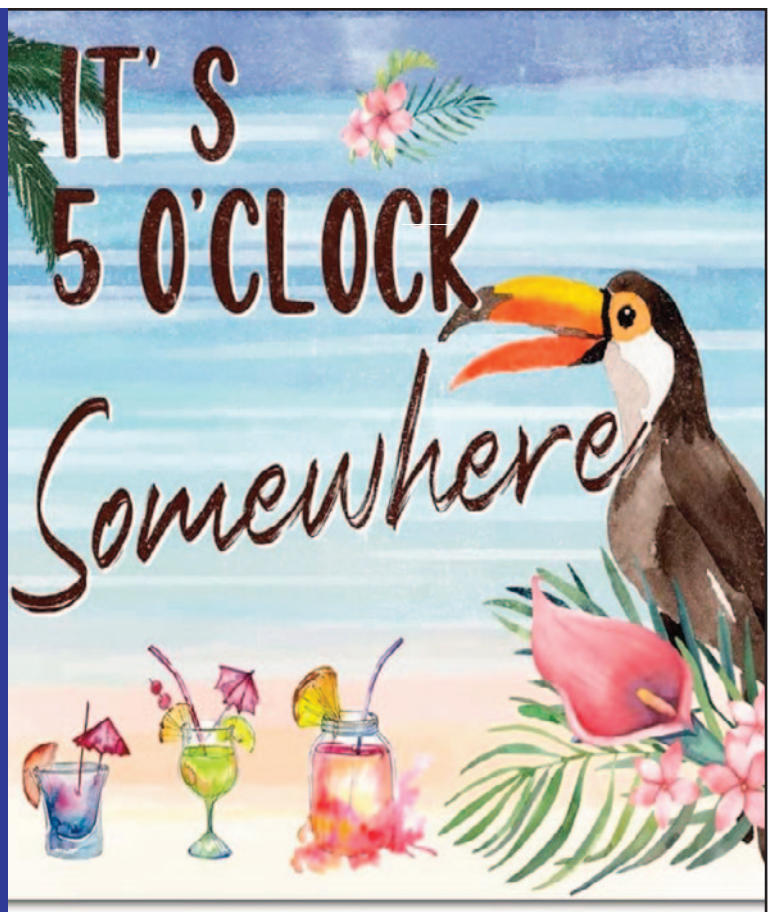
**Drop off checks (made out to Good Times) at Good Times mailbox at NCB by April 10 deadline. Questions? Call Mary Ann Weaver at 203-530-9962.**

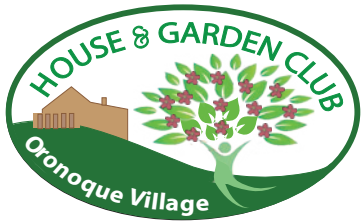
**JOIN US FOR  
"IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE"  
ON THE FIRST FRIDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
AT NCB at 5 P.M.**

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

***Hosted by SAC***

**We hope to see you  
on April 5**

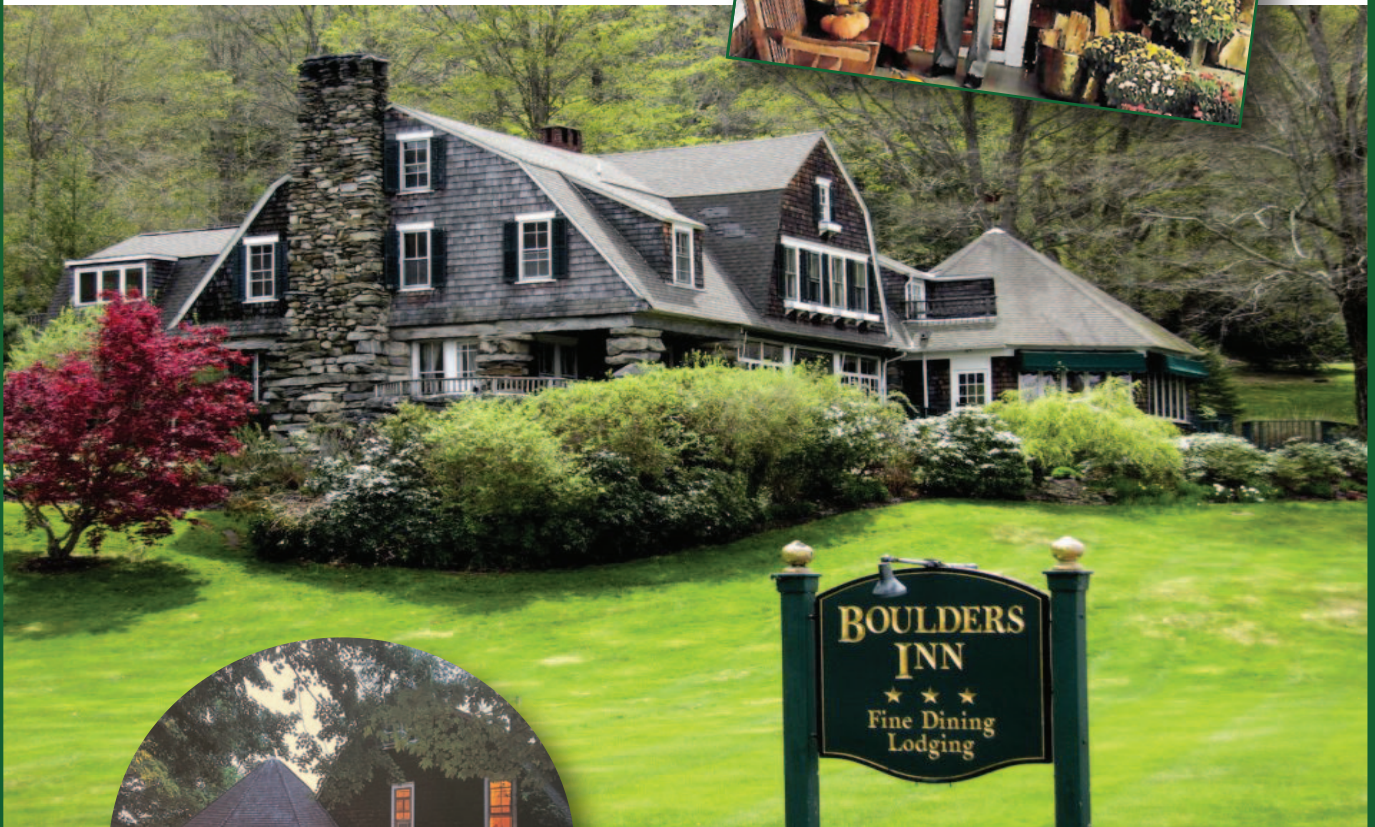




House & Garden Presents:

## More Tales From The Inn *Part 2*

*Oronoque resident Rees Adema will once again share more funny, entertaining and interesting tales of when he and his wife Ulla owned and operated the charming Boulders Inn along Lake Waramaug in Litchfield CT.*



**Monday, April 8, 1 pm-SCB**  
**Coffee, Tea & Treats served following the program**

Members: Free -  
Guests \$5



# Calling All Artists!

The Stratford Arts Commission is looking for artists to help us update the artwork on our our Big Belly Receptacles.

**New Submission  
Deadline**

**Monday 4/3/2024**

Accepting art from artists of any age and skill level to be considered!



**Have your  
art displayed  
in town!**



Contact [RFredette@townofstratford.com](mailto:RFredette@townofstratford.com)  
for more information!