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On the cover: Thanks to Jeffrey Sells for capturing this early morning image taken across the fairway of the 10th hole, in front of his unit on Quinnipiac Lane. The Villager welcomes photo submissions, which must be emailed as high-resolution jpeg images to Villager Editor Carol King at cking@oronoquevillage.com.

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OV Tax District Announcement

LONG-TERM ROAD REPAVING PLAN

By Ronald Ciecko , Vice President, OV Tax District



On March 6, as vice president of OV Tax District. I presented a long-term road repaving plan to Executive Director Mark Rhatigan and Accountant Diane Roche. The following evening, the same plan was presented to Oronoque Village residents during the OVTD Round Table Meeting.

Because of the difficulty determining the future cost of repaving, as well as the adjustments that would be required for inflation, a model was proposed allowing for a variety of input changes at any time during the repaving process. The major points of this plan consist of the following:

- The plan would not begin for approximately 5 years or until the current road loan of \$1.25 million is repaid and the last unpaved roads are completed.
- It includes all roads, driveways and curbing.
- It starts with the oldest roads first, but allows
- for flexibility in scheduling depending on the condition

of the roads at that time.

- The plan allows for changes to the yearly revenue requirements, the cost of repaving each square yard of surface area, and a factor for inflation over the next 20-plus years of repaving.
- The plan is set up in an Excel spreadsheet and quickly calculates the cost of the project and revenue requirements, depending on the data input at any time during the repaving cycle.

During the round-table discussions, a variety of cost data points and revenue requirements suggested by OV residents were input into the Excel spreadsheet. Depending on the input, a break-even point for the 20-plus year program was calculated.

On April 23, at the conclusion of the OV Tax District Board meeting, we will present the plan to anyone who was unable to attend the round-table discussions and would like to see how this long-term road repaving plan works.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

MAY 4 IS SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Villagers will have multiple opportunities to get rid of unwanted goods on Saturday, May 4. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., dumpsters will be placed in the rear parking lot of SCB for the disposal of household items, including furniture, appliances and metal objects that are less than 8 feet in size. Members of the Maintenance staff will be on hand to assist residents.

There will be a dumpster for metal and another for bulk items. All metal items must be separated from other materials.

Bulk collection items include the following:

- Furniture
- Mattresses and box springs
- Carpeting
- Large metal items (8' maximum)
- Fencing

Shredding Truck at NCB

A shredding truck will be parked at NCB from 9 a.m. to noon. Villagers are encouraged to use this service to de-

stroy outdated confidential documents, such as bank statements, credit card receipts, invoices, insurance forms and cancelled checks.

The following items are not allowed for disposal in the dumpsters provided on Cleanup Day. These items must be taken directly to the Town of Stratford Transfer Station:

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| Household trash | Demolition material (i.e. asphalt, shingles, sheet-rock, concrete, tile, brick or any other masonry debris) |
| Items that would normally fit into the trash container for weekly pickup, including cardboard. | Freon-containing appliances (i.e. refrigerators) |
| Leaves, branches, stumps | Electronics of any kind |
| Hazardous materials, paint | Tires, vehicles, oil tanks |
| Recyclable materials | |

OV'S 'WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S' MARKS 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 1

By Barbara Minoff

Villagers are invited to join in celebrating OV's 10-year anniversary of the "Walk to Support the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut" on June 1 at SCB.

We encourage you to bring family members, friends and grandchildren to walk with you! We also recommend that you reach out to your family and friends to sponsor you with a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

This year's fundraising event will include some surprises! Many OV clubs/groups are joining in our fundraising efforts. We are also recruiting local companies to sponsor our walk with their generous donations.

Our delicious bake sale returns this year and will offer tasty home-baked goodies to delight your palate.

Unfortunately, this devastating disease effects many people in our community directly or indirectly. Proceeds from the event contribute to improving the lives of people living with Alzheimer's, their families and caregivers.

I'm proud to report that, in our past 9 years, our OV walks have raised over \$24,000 for the Alzheimer's Association. This year, we challenge our community to exceed the \$4,200 that we raised last year.

Information about donating to this fundraiser will be included in the May 1 issue of The Villager. We look forward to your participation at our 10-year anniversary OV Walk to Support the Alzheimer's Association.

For information, contact Barbara Minoff at 203-386-0533 or mbminoff@aol.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 7 TO MEET

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

VILLAGE RESIDENTS TO SING AT STRATFORD LIBRARY



Village residents Dawn and Eric Spitz will participate in a four-person performance at the Stratford Library on May 10 at 1:30 p.m.

The quartet, titled Four for a Song, is comprised of the Spitzes, who are cabaret performers, classically trained soprano Brett Kroeger and pianist Tom Cuffari. The production will include a variety of musical selections, including opera, arias, operetta duets and classic Broadway show tunes from "My Fair Lady," "Carousel" and "Les Miserables."

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO HOLD STUDY GROUP ON APRIL 18

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization of women and men that encourages active participation in government. All Oronoque residents and their guests are invited to attend a study group meeting. The next session takes place April 18 at 4 p.m. at NCB.

Questions? Contact Marge Heffel, OV resident and LWWCT treasurer, at 203-913-5695 or mcheffel@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY GARDENING MEETING

There will be a meeting for all OV Community Gardeners on Monday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. at SCB.

Danny from Wells Hollow Farm in Shelton will be the guest speaker. Bring your questions and concerns. Refreshments will be served.

BRAVO SEEKS BACKSTAGE HELPERS

Casting for the upcoming Bravo shows, scheduled for Sept. 28 and 29, is now closed. However, anyone interested in assisting with backstage assignments is welcome.

Please contact Donna M. Miller at 203-520-5796 or email Donna@happilyeveractions.com for more information.

FREE FIRE ALARMS FOR THE HEARING-IMPAIRED

The Stratford Fire Marshal's Office and the Town of Stratford Community and Senior Services Department have launched the Flash Shake and Awake, a fire alarm designed for the hearing-impaired. The public is invited to call, order their complimentary devices and arrange for a fire prevention staff member to visit the residence and make the quick professional installation.

Flash, Shake and Awake has a special bed shaker device that is designed to awaken and alert deaf and hearing-impaired individuals when a smoke/CO alarm is activated inside the home. The fire prevention staff will install the smoke/CO detectors along with the bed shaker. To make an appointment, call the fire marshal's office: 203-385-4073.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW CRAFTS CLUB WILL MEET MONTHLY AT SCB

"Crafts If You Are Not An Artist," Oronoque Village's newest club, meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, from 2-4 p.m., in the Arts & Crafts Room of the South Clubhouse.

The monthly classes are led by OV resident Barbara Dierolf, a portrait and fiber artist. "These sessions are intended for people who feel they are not artistically skilled but still want to dabble," says Barbara. "We will look into different creative projects, such as zentangle, which is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing repetitive shapes."

On April 27, the class will focus on silk scarf painting with Sharpie pens. "Those who want to attend the class should bring alcohol-ink markers in bright colors and a bottle of rubbing alcohol," says Barbara. "Scarves will be provided. There will be a materials fee of \$8 per scarf."

Residents who would like to sign up for a class should call or text Barbara at 203-218-8946. Reservations are required so that there will be ample materials for all attendees.

Barbara also would like to hear from residents who have artistic hobbies, such as jewelry-making or weaving, who are interested in sharing their pastimes with a class. OV

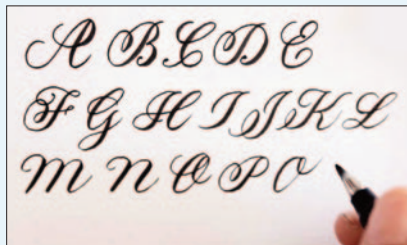
CALLIGRAPHY CLASSES SCHEDULED FOR MAY

By Anita Cody

A class in calligraphy will be offered on four consecutive Thursdays at 2 p.m. in the Arts & Crafts Room of the South Clubhouse during the month of May.

Irene Blumenthal will teach participants nine basic strokes and the "minuscules and majuscules" (upper and lower case) letters of the alphabet using a brush pen.

Each student will be given a 21-page workbook (created by Irene), a Fudenosuke hard tip brush pen and a pad of Canson pro-layout paper. The technique to be taught will be using a flexible tip. The flexible tip technique relies on controlling the pressure on the pen and learning what it can and cannot do. A good handwriting is definitely not a requirement for this class!



A Trumbull resident, Irene has been intrigued by fancy letters since childhood and is a lifelong doodler.

She has taken many classes in calligraphy and is a member of the Washington, D.C., Calligraphers Guild, the International and Association of Master Penmen, Engrossers and Teachers of Handwriting, (IAMPETH).

The class dates are May 9, May 16, May 23 and May 30. The cost of \$40 includes all materials. Registration is limited to 12

students. Payment for the class should be placed in the OV Arts Guild mailbox located at NCB. Checks should be made out to OV Arts Guild. Please include your name, email address and phone number with your payment.

For information, contact Barbara Stewart at 203-362-7966 or Anita Cody at 203-895-8515 OV

SO, YOU THINK YOU KNOW ELECTIONS?

The League of Women Voters' (LWV) Oronoque Village Study Group hosted Stratford Town Registrar James Simon for a question-and-answer session about elections and voting in Stratford. He brought a quiz that we all took. Here is one of the questions:

True or False: Under some conditions, you can ask to vote in your car and have poll workers bring a ballot to you.

Answer: State law allows curbside voting in cases of "temporary incapacity," such as getting sick on the way to the polls. There was one such Stratford case reported in November 2023: a voter had someone drive them to the polls; the driver got out and asked poll workers to carry a ballot out to

the curb. The person voted, the ballot was placed in a privacy envelope, and a poll worker representing each party loaded it into the tabulator.

Obviously, we do not want a line of cars asking for such service and slowing the voting process. An Absentee Ballot might be preferable if you fear you will be incapacitated on Election Day.

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

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

WORK ORDERS FOR MULCH ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The Maintenance Department is accepting work orders for mulch.

Bark mulch, colored brown, is the only mulch allowed in Oronoque Village and we do provide it at our cost to residents, when available, via work orders.

When you fill out the work order, please specify where you want the mulch to be dropped off when delivered. Checks, made out to OVCA, should be dropped off at the Business Office at NCB with the work orders.

Reminder: Before you add and spread new mulch, last year's mulch should be removed.

Pricing is as Follows:

First 1/2 yard: Free

Additional 1/2 yard: \$23.50

Additional 1 yard: \$47

Additional 1.5 yard: \$70.50

Additional 2 yards: \$94

Additional 2.5 yards: \$117.50

Additional 3 yards: \$141.00

Additional 3.5 yards: \$164.50

Additional 4 yards: \$188

Additional 4.5 yards: \$211.50

Additional 5 yards: \$235

Additional 5.5 yards: \$258.50

Additional 6 yards: \$282

Additional 6.5 yards: \$305.50

Additional 7 yards: \$329

FEATURE

OV PICKLEBALL CLUB'S UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25 & 27, Demos for Beginner Level: Whether you are a returning member or thinking of joining, come to the courts on either Thursday, April 25, at 6 p.m. or Saturday, April 27, at noon to learn about game rules, scoring, game sign up, the club and watch a demo game played by experienced members and meet some people in the community. No RSVP needed.

April 30, Opening Meeting: All members and prospective members are welcome to the opening meeting at 6:30 p.m. at NCB to hear about the club's exciting plans for 2024.

Angelo Rossetti, an award-winning professional player and coach, will be a guest speaker. He will talk about on-site lessons for beginner and more advanced level players.

A social hour will follow with refreshments. Membership forms will be available. The membership fee is \$40 per player and is due by May 15 (checks can be made payable to OVPC).

Beginning May 1, Round Robin Club Play: On May 1, the club's official season of play begins. Scheduling and sign-ups will be done via the TeamReach application accessible through a phone. When new members sign up they will get information about how to get access to the OVPC

play schedule via the app and how to use it.

Tuesdays and Thursdays in May, Free Clinics: Every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. in May, there will be clinics held for beginner-level club members to learn the game with hands-on play. There is no better way to learn the game than to play it! So put on your court shoes and athletic wear and come to the OV pickleball courts to try your hand at the game. Paddles will be provided. No RSVP needed.

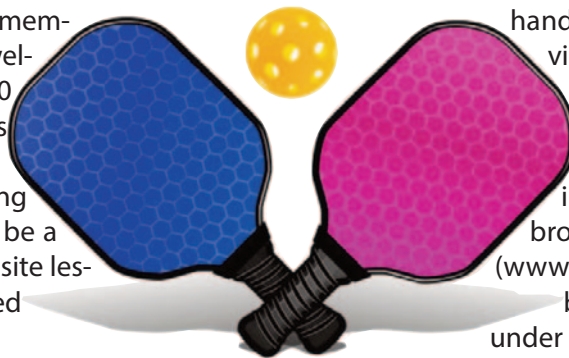
Additional information about events and what members can look forward to this season can be found in the 2024 OV Pickleball Club brochure on the OV Website (www.oronoquevillage.com).

The brochure is posted in two locations: under the Organizations heading and the Events heading

You also can pick one up a brochure during the opening meeting on April 30.

Membership forms also are available online and at the promotional box located at the entrance to the courts.

Questions? Contact Maddy Lapidés, director of membership, at 203-927-8577 or mrlapid@gmail.com or Bill Tanski, club president, at 609-876-3520 or cwtdtans@gmail.com.



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GUYS & DOLLS CLUB

GUYS & DOLLS PRESENTS LECTURE ON SAFE ECLIPSE VIEWING

Story by Nick Harding ~ Photo by Karen Harding

More than 40 Villagers attended Andy Poniros' March 24 lecture on safe viewing of the April 8 solar eclipse.

Andy is an OV resident and NASA/JPL public outreach volunteer. He gave an interesting lecture and passed out NASA eclipse glasses. While OV is not in the path of totality, weather permitting, NASA's Eclipse Website reported that, from Stratford, an observer should have expected to see about 90.7 percent maximum coverage of the sun by the moon at 3:26 p.m.

The eclipse was expected to start at around 2:12 p.m. and end at 4:37 p.m. on April 8.

Attendees were reminded that, without proper glasses, viewers should not look directly at the sun during an eclipse. Indirect viewing by using a colander, card stock with a hole punched in it or shadow box – which allow viewing the shadow – are safe choices.

If you missed Andy's lecture, there are several websites that demonstrate safe viewing techniques. Guys & Dolls looks forward to sponsoring Andy's next lecture on the James Webb telescope. Watch for an announcement in The Villager.

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GUYS & DOLLS' TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN



On March 25, Guys & Dolls Club sponsored a trip to Mohegan Sun, a casino and resort in Uncasville.

Twenty-six Villagers signed up for the trip, which was not enough to fill the bus. Fortunately, the bus company was willing to run the trip with a half-full bus.

Mark your calendar, the club will sponsor another trip on Oct. 24 .

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ACTIVITIES

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BOCCE

• Boccee is played on Thursdays, 10 a.m., at NCB, beginning April 25.

CORNHOLE

• Cornhole is played on Thursdays, 10 a.m., at SCB through April 18.

DOLLCRAFTERS

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

CURRENT EVENTS

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

DROP-IN BRIDGE

• Drop-in Bridge takes place on Mondays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the NCB Lounge. All levels of bridge players are encouraged to attend; no need to bring a partner. There is no fee to participate. For information, please contact Wendy Swain at 203-386-9125.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

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

LINE DANCING

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

POOL SOCIAL GROUP

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

QUILTING GROUP

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

RACQUET SPORTS

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

TABLE TENNIS GROUP

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

TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

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

WRITER'S GROUP

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



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CALENDAR

Dates, times and locations of events are subject to change. To update a Calendar listing, please contact Kathy Stevens at kstevens@oronoquevillage.com. For the latest on OV news & events, visit www.oronoquevillage.com

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

MONDAY, APRIL 15

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. – District 5 Meeting, SCB

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- 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)
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: "Fool's Paradise," SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 7 Mtg, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- 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. – Bridge Group, NCB (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 4:00 p.m. – League of Women Voters, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB
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FRIDAY, APRIL 19

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- 3:30 p.m. – Private Party, SCB (C)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- 3:00 p.m. – Pletman Concert, NCB

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. – Community Garden Meeting, SCB

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. – OVTD Meeting, NCB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- 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)
- 4:00 p.m. – Special Presentation: Volunteering/Mentoring in Stratford Schools, NCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB (C)

THE STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER TUTORS, MENTORS & CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS

Please attend an informational session on April 24 at 4 p.m. at the North Clubhouse presented by Stratford Volunteer Corps.



During the session, Heather Borges (the Acting Superintendent of Stratford Public Schools), Dr. David Chess & Mike Suntag (a former educator and co-owner of Breakthrough Education Strategies LLC) will describe how OV residents can make a difference in children's lives by volunteering in public school classrooms.

Stratford Public Schools have dramatically changed over time, and teachers/students are in need of support

- Over 71% of Stratford school population identify as minority
- 47% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch
- 26% are chronically absent

Learn How You Can Help!

Please attend the session on April 24 at 4 p.m. at NCB

- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Dance Lessons, NCB

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- 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)
- 1:00 p.m. – Tag Sale Setup, SCB

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 9:00 a.m. – House & Garden Tag & Bake Sale, SCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Crafts If Your Not an Artist, SCB, A/C Rm

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 4:00 p.m. – WPA Artists Lecture, NCB

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Bridge Group, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Mtg, SCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Writer's Group, SCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Art Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- 6:30 p.m. – Pickleball Club Opening Meeting, NCB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 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)
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Book Club, NCB Library

ENTER THE VILLAGER'S CAPTION CONTEST!



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

Deadline for entries is April 30.

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.

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WEBSITE INSIGHTS

FIND IT ON THE WEB:

Maintenance Responsibility Chart: Is it your responsibility or is it OV's responsibility? Find a chart that tells it all at www.oronoquevillage.com - the residents-only side: Click on DOCUMENTS & FORMS, then GENERAL, then MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY CHART. This is a two-page document you may print.

Attention New Residents: We are hoping you will complete our New Resident Questionnaire. We want to introduce you to your new neighbors! Just like the above, please go to www.ornoquevillage.com - the residents-only side: Click on DOCUMENTS & FORMS, then GENERAL, then NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION, then NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION PACKET. Among lots of other information, you will find the NEW RESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE in this packet. You may print these two pages. Please complete the form and submit it to the Business Office. Thank you!

Villager Photo Contest: The Communications Committee invites you to participate in a photo contest. Please submit your favorite photo(s) of the Village to Carol King, via email at cking@oronoquevillage.com, no later than June 1, with "Photo Contest" in the email's subject line.

We welcome photos of any activity, club event, unit, our beautiful grounds or anything that you feel reinforces the look and lifestyle of our Village.

Communications Committee members will recognize a winning photo, as well as honorable mentions. The winning submission will appear on the cover of The Villager as well as featured on the OV website. The committee will use the photos in materials marketing OV to the public and to prospective residents.

Please note: Villager cover photo submissions must be in a vertical format. The selected image will either be trimmed to fit into an area that measures 8.5 inches in width by 9.046 inches in length or the image will be adjusted to fill the cover dimensions. All photo entries must be in a high-resolution format. Jpegs should be at least 300 dpi or at least 20 Mbytes; Tiffs and PNGs should be at least 20 Mbytes in size.

—Submitted by Mary von Ziegesar

MARCH 15

CAPTION CONTEST WINNERS



1st Place: "No towel. No problem." *Alex Rodriguez*

2nd Place: "Wow! That beer you left in the pitcher on the table sure has a bite." *Alex Rodriguez*



Welcome to the Village

Please welcome Richard "Rick" Sowerby to the Village. Rick hails "all the way" from Orange! After growing up in Pittsburgh and graduating from Penn State, Rick came to Oronoque because of our wonderful amenities and our community spirit. A finance and accounting professional, he enjoys golf, swimming, traveling and walking his dog. He moved into a unit on North Trail in March of 2024 and is a great conversationalist. Look for Rick out and about with his dog and be sure to say hello. Welcome Rick!

~

Say hello to John Carpenter. John, a native of California, moved here from Reading, Mass., after touring many 55-plus communities. He subsequently purchased a unit at OV in late 2022 and fell in love with our amenities and the floorplan of his unit on Seminole Lane. A graduate of California State University in Fresno, his specialties are technical writing, business development and project planning. John is in the process of researching and documenting his family's genealogy. He is also a member of the Strategic Planning team for Marketing and Communications and sits on the new Communications subcommittee focusing on external communications. Please welcome John to the Village.

New residents are invited to complete a new resident questionnaire for submission of their info in The Villager by contacting either Mary von Ziegesar at mvonz@optonline.net or Tom Fuchs at tofu28469@gmail.com



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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
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- Speech Therapy
- Medical Social Work
- Nutritional Counseling
- Home Health Aides

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

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- Staff Electronic Visit Verification

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

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- 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 or hospice@mozaicsl.org

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

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OV Wine Club: "Last Hurrah" Event, May 9

After 10 years it's "Time to Say Goodbye." We thank our many supporters through the years. So, put on your gladrags and join us for this final-fling special wine-tasting event. We will sample some premium wines from the notable wine regions of the world: such as Loire Valley of France, USA, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Austria/Germany, etc.



Special light fare will accompany the wine tasting. Our sommelier Michelle De Wyngaert will provide her usual expert commentary.

When: Thursday, May 9, 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 the OV Wine Club box at NCB no later than Friday, May 3.

Please, no checks before April 16th



The event will include:

Entrance wine

Tasting 6 wines (3 red, 3 white)

Light fare to accompany the wine tasting

Post wine-tasting cookies by Dorothy Tanski

Questions: contact Charlie DiGiovanni 203-258-8063



Present

Artists Of The WPA

The Great Depression Program That Helped To Keep Artists Employed & The Arts Alive



A 4 Part Presentation
Sundays 4 pm

1. The causes and effects of the Great Depression
2. The Muralists in post offices and Public Buildings
3. Easel Artists and their work
4. Musicians, Playwrights, Actors, Photographers.

Sunday, April 28	4 NCB	Arts Guild Members Free! - Guests Pay \$5 at the door
Sunday, May 5	4 NCB	
Saturday, May 11	4 NCB	
Sunday, May 26	4 SCB	



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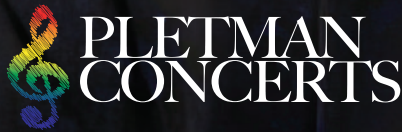
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April 21, 2024 3 P.M.
Oronoke Village,
North Community Building



KENTUCKY DERBY *Watch Party*

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH • 5PM TO 8PM • SOUTH CLUBHOUSE



**DRESS THE PART
DAPPER & CLASSY**



Men tie on your bowties.
Ladies get out your fancy hat
or fascinator

Join us for some fun with friends
and enjoy some heavy appetizers.
(Vegan/vegetarian option available)

Dessert and enjoy some coffee, tea, or a mock-
tail. **Or** feel free to bring your own.

Register By April 26th

Turn in your form to the Guys & Dolls Box at the North Clubhouse.

NAMES:

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QTY:..... X \$20/PERSON = AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

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Join us won't you? See you at the Kentucky Derby



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!

Singing Sensation Jose Paulo Will Perform For Weekenders at 6 p.m. on May 18 at NCB

A fabulous evening 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 "Ave Maria" at local weddings.



Jose 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.

To attend, put checks with any table arrangements in the Weekenders box at NCB by May 8. The price of \$30 includes dinner: eggplant parm, chicken cutlet Italiano, cavatelli with broccoli, salad, rolls/butter, coffee/tea, /soda and dessert.

Questions? Call Carol at 203-375-2101.



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

Please join us for our next Karaoke/Dance Party on April 26 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!



The Sutton Place Trio

Featuring OV Resident
Rekowned Jazz Guitarist
Al Gafa

Friday
May 17, 2024
7pm NCB

Doors open
at 6:30

"The Sutton Place Trio has a New York sensibility reminiscent of the combos that filled the nightlife, clubs and hotels of the Manhattan skyline"

Performances include jazz and original music influenced in the classic style by composers and performers such as Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, George Gershwin, Nat "King" Cole, Duke Ellington, The Modern Jazz Quartet and Antonio Carlos Jobim.

Pictured:
Bassist and
songwriter
Jay
Leonhart,
guitarist
Al Gafa and
Pianist/
vocalist
Alex
Leonard



Cabaret style open-seating-sit back and enjoy this very special event brought to you by The Arts Guild!

BYOB and snacks!
Dessert reception following the program.

Arts Guild Members FREE GUESTS pay \$10



Reservations required. Arts Guild members attend free of charge, Guests \$10 (open seating) Fill out this form and drop it, with your check, into the Arts Guild Mailbox (NCB) Payments will be accepted beginning April 16. Open to OV residents and one non-resident guest per single resident until April 26. Thereafter, if capacity has not been reached residents may sign up any number of non-resident guests.

Name(s) _____

E-Mail and phone _____

Amount of Check \$ _____ # of persons attending _____

I (we) are current Arts Guild member(s) _____

Questions: Call Barbara Stewart 203.612.1273



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APRIL 18, 7 P.M.
at South Community Building

THE GUYS AND DOLLS CLUB

Book Club

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

The book for May 1 is "The Doctors Blackwell" by Janice P Nimura, a finalist for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize in Biography. Elizabeth Blackwell believed from an early age that she was destined for a mission beyond the scope of "ordinary" womanhood. Though the world, at first, recoiled at the notion of a woman studying medicine, her intelligence and intensity ultimately won her the acceptance of the male medical establishment. In 1849, she became the first woman in America to receive an M.D. She was soon joined in her iconic achievement by her younger sister, Emily, who, actually, was the more brilliant physician. Exploring the sisters' allies, enemies and enduring partnership, the author presents a story of trial and triumph. This researched new biography celebrates two complicated pioneers who exploded the limits of possibility for women in medicine.

The Movie Club Presents
The Holdovers

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

The Holdovers explores the intricate, ever-evolving tapestry of human relationships against the backdrop of a New England prep school during a period of social unrest and insecurity in 1970s America.

With the festive Christmas season ironically serving as a melancholic backdrop, the film explores human connection between three people amid their search for a place to fit in: Paul Giamatti is Paul Hunham, a downtrodden teacher. Academy Award-winner Da'vine Joy Randolph is Mary, whose son was recently killed in Vietnam. Dominic Sessa is Angus, a troubled student whose stuck at school during the holidays.

The Holdovers
PAUL GIAMATTI

Oscar Winner Da'Vine Joy Randolph



The Movie Club is pleased to announce that the proceeds from the May movie will be donated to the OV Alzheimer's Walk Fundraiser on June 1 at SCB. Additional donations are encouraged and will be collected at the door.



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"The best Barry Manilow look and sound alike EVER!"

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Jay Gates Impersonates

BARRY MANILOW

Tuesday May 7, 2024 7pm Doors Open 6:15 SCB

\$9.00 Per Member; \$13.00 Non-resident Guest

No stranger to the tribute world, Jay Gates' impersonation of Barry Manilow has "Fanilows" agreeing that this act is rapidly becoming THE show to see! Be it the classic *Copacabana*, *Can't Smile Without You*, or show-stopping *Even Now*, Jay's faithful representation of Barry's voice combined with a jaw dropping visual portrayal and multimedia presentation always leaves audiences wanting more!

Reservations required and payments will be accepted from April 16th through May 5th unless maximum capacity is reached. Open to resident Funseeker members and one non-resident guest per single resident until April 22nd. Starting on April 23rd, if there is space availability, member residents may sign up for any number of non-resident guests. Please put \$9.00 check per person into Funseekers mailbox, NCB (\$13.00 non-resident guest). Not a 2024 member? Join for \$15 per person. Questions? Call Lucy Clifford 203-644-7710.

Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks & Dessert To Be Served

BYOB and SNACKS!

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

**BYOB * Relax and Mingle *
Drop By With An
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Hosted by SAC

**We hope to see you
on May 3**





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**A Trio Of
"Last All Spring
& Summer"
Container
Gardens**



Danny Quinn, manager of Wells Hollow farm, will once again, use his gardening magic and create 3 beautiful spring and summer pottings!

**Monday, May 13,
2024 1pm SCB**



**The 3 Beautiful
Containers Will Be
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for \$5**



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