

FROM THE MANAGEMENT —by Richard Diaz



Great North Management has purchased 24 new stackable chairs for our Club House. These chairs are being stored in the corridor closet and should be returned to the same closet after each use. They should not be stacked more than 12 high.

The lights in the gym have been left on (by accident) over night on more than one occasion. Please remember to switch off these lights after using the gym. An electrical timer could be installed but that would be a needless expense.

The April meeting of unit owners was held on Thursday the 1st. In the absence of the Management Company and the Developer it was decided to form an "ad hoc" committee to prepare for a smooth transition of control of the property from the developer to the unit owners.

WELCOME!

We would like to welcome all the new Villagers who have moved in, during the past few months, and those who will be arriving in May, 2004.

On Stone Ridge Road:

- 3 Carole and Joel Shyavitz
- 16 George and Louise Theofiles

On Highland Road:

- 3 Louise Tahmoush

On Sandstone Road:

- 4 Ed and Alice Kern
- 6 George and Denise Roach
- 7 Shirley Chambers
- 8 Susan Destefano
- 9 Jean Guthrie
- 10 Celeen Berry
- 11 Len and Ruth Saulnier
- 12 Dianne Marston
- 13 Jean Einarson and Susan Neyman
- 20 William and Paula Townsend
- 23 Ken and Ruthann Fisher
- 27 Pauline Byrne
- 29 Esther Clark



GOVERNMENT ISSUES

Village at Stone Ridge

by Lois Frampton

Sixty seven people attended the April 15th meeting called to discuss the transition from Guthall LLC to unit owners. At present the Trustees governing the village are Dave Guthrie and Howard Hall of Guthall. Massachusetts law and the Master Deed for the village require unit owners to elect a Board of Trustees within 120 days after 75% of all units have been closed. The transfer may take place this fall or sooner.

When control is passed to unit owners, Trustees will be responsible for the operation of the village. As such, they will choose the professional management company that handles day to day operations and repairs. They will prepare an annual budget for approval by all unit owners which will determine our monthly fees. They will propose revisions to and enforce our Bylaws as well as our Rules and Regulations

At the meeting of villagers held on April 1st, those present discussed the need to prepare for Trust transfer to transition smoothly. A small committee, led by Gene Hudon, 22 Stone Ridge, volunteered to prepare for the April 15th meeting to which all unit owners were invited. This committee met twice to discuss a transition strategy. Committee members were Gene, George Heiter, 24 Stone Ridge, Paul Currier, 5 Sandstone, Nick Johnson, 16 Highland, and Lois Frampton, 25 Stone Ridge.

Gene Hudon was called away unexpectedly and George Heiter chaired the meeting on the 15th. He explained the background and purpose of the meeting. Six transition committees were proposed and unit owners were asked to sign up for one of them at the end of the meeting.

Those committees were as follows:



The Master Deed/Legal Committee will become familiar with the Master Deed, find out about the requirements placed on condos by Mass. General Law Chapter 183A, and examine ▶

items in the deed unique to Stone Ridge Village. Among them is Attachment C of the deed which defines the percent of interest in the condominium of each unit and is used to determine each unit's condo fee. This committee will also propose a process by which the first Board of Trustees is elected.

The Property Committee will review current contracts with the management company, landscapers, snow plowers, garbage collector, etc. They will serve as a liaison with the management company as well as define the future management company contract. They will examine our existing insurance coverage and determine our insurance requirements.

The Builder Committee will secure documentation from the builder such as detailed plans for each model unit, maps locating power, gas, and cable lines, as-built site plans, etc. They will learn the details of the operation of our sewerage system, street lighting, etc. They will monitor the performance of the work done as part of the builder's warranties and serve as liaison to Guthall LLC.

The Municipal Affairs Committee will review the services rendered by the Town of Westford versus the real estate taxes we pay and review the fairness of real estate assessments. They will investigate the contract by which Tyngsboro supplies our water.

The Finance and Budget Committee will review the current budget. They will find out about the status of the two reserve funds. (There are at least 2, one for the sewerage treatment plant and another for everything else.) They will explore possible budget changes for next year.

The Social/Clubhouse Committee has already been functioning, informally, under the able leadership of Donna Hudon and will continue to arrange events. The Newsletter, edited by Richard and Nany Diaz, 14 Stone Ridge Rd, will also be in the purview of this committee. This committee will propose a funding plan for social functions and examine the furnishings and storage that the clubhouse should maintain.

The meeting concluded with enthusiastic sign-up for all 6 committees. If you missed this meeting but would like to serve on a committee, please contact George Heiter at 978-589-8076 or Lois Frampton at 978-692-4095.

An e-mail list is being set up by Richard Diaz for distribution of the newsletter and other village information. If you have not already done so, please e-mail your address to the newsletter at: stoneridge14@comcast.net.

Westford



A reminder: Don't forget the TOWN MEETING on Saturday, May 8, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Abbott School. It is an important gathering to talk about how your money will be spent by the Town of Westford.

Two hundred registered voters are required to make a quorum and your vote counts.

Transportation is available for those sixty and older or with a state recognized disability by calling 978-692-5589 before May 5th.

We look forward to voting with you!

CLUB HOUSE FITNESS CENTER —by Richard Diaz

The Village at Stone Ridge Club House has a small gym for all residents to use at your leisure. **UNIQUE FITNESS** runs classes in Circuit Training, Gentle Yoga, Body Toning, Yogalates and Back to Basics. A qualified instructor teaches these classes weekly (see schedule below). All classes take place in the Club House gym and are 60 minutes in duration unless otherwise noted. Private lessons are also available. **UNIQUE FITNESS** offers a free half hour training session to all residents of The Village at Stone Ridge.



Gentle Yoga: Learn basic Yoga moves, breath and relaxation in this gentle flowing class.

Body Toning: A body sculpting class using weights and bands.

Yogalates: A combination of Yoga and Pilates which is good for strength and stability.

Back to Basics: Get moving with basic low impact steps to motivating music.



Class Descriptions:

Circuit Training: Using cardio equipment and machines in a circuit format that keeps you going while socializing with the rest of the class.

Class Schedule

Mondays.....	10:30 a.m.	Body Toning
Tuesdays	5:00 p.m.	Back to Basics
Wednesdays.....	No Classes	
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Circuit Training
Fridays	10:30 a.m.	Yogalates
Saturdays	9:00 a.m.	Gentle Yoga

In case of inclement weather or any questions that **UNIQUE FITNESS** can answer, call 1-978-649-3606.

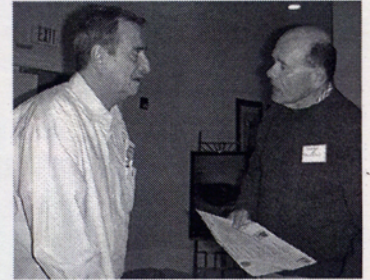
Wine



Food



Friends



and...



Neighbors





Simply Social

By Donna Hudon

Tea for two, four or more . . . Recently, the ladies of Stone Ridge have enjoyed afternoon tea at the Stonehedge Inn. Stonehedge offers european style service combined with the warmth of a New England Country Inn. The best part is that this gem is located just 10 minutes from our community in Tyngsboro.

It would be nice to make this a monthly event, alternating tea with luncheons. Watch for dates and times on the bulletin board in the mailroom of the club house.

A Reminder: The first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the club house a discussion group about common matters of interest takes place. David Guthrie, Howard Hall and Great North Management have attended in the past. Also, the remaining Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. is reserved for impromptu get togethers.

Plans are underway for a May "Cookout". Watch for details soon.

Enjoy your day!



CLUB HOUSE BOOKINGS

May 9 th	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
May 30 th	1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
June 13 th	12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.

VILLAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

by Richard Diaz

Gardening and chemicals are difficult to separate. Organic gardening is a healthy alternative, especially for the plants. Try mixing ground egg shells with used coffee grounds. The people that I've talked to that have used these ingredients rave about them.



The mixture of the two depends on the plant and your own consumption of eggs and coffee.

If you don't drink coffee, visit Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks. They should not charge you for disposing of their waste.

For more detailed information, visit:

<http://www.sustainableenterprises.com/Business/coffeeert.htm> or do a Google search on "Coffee Ground Fertilizer".

Cleaning Tip

by Jayne Currier



Having trouble cleaning walls that have been painted with flat paint? Try "Mr Clean, MAGIC ERASER". This product has cleaned everything that we have asked it to. The product comes in a package of 2 sponges and costs \$1.99 at the Market Basket in Nashua.

You merely dampen the pad and use it. It will even clean crayon marks on the walls. It can be used multiple times and then throw it away.

The Last Word

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seatbelt" ?!

-Sent by Gabrielle DiPrizio

Do you have something to say? This is your forum. Write it up and send it to "Letters to the Editor". Information has no value until it is shared.

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Fed up with how her diet is going, Charlene takes a more serious aim at her target weight.