

THE CANDIDATES



Tom Barry
27 STONE RIDGE RD.



Lois Frampton
25 STONE RIDGE RD.



Nick Johnson
16 HIGHLAND RD.



Bill Nussbum
29 STONE RIDGE RD.



Joel Rosenberg
49 STONE RIDGE RD.

After some anxiety, curiosity and growing pains, the task of selecting nominees for the Board of Trustees election, the process is over. The candidates are Tom Barry, Judy Culver, Lois Frampton, George Heiter, Nick Johnson, Bill Nussbum, and Joel Rosenberg.

The nomination process terminated on the 25th of September, 2004 at noon. There was a total of twenty one nominees and seven have accepted their nominations.

The next step of the process will be for everyone in the community to get to know the candidates. In this newsletter there is a short biography of each candidate and on October 7 at 7:00 pm we will have a Candidates Night at the clubhouse.

During the candidate's night you will be able to cast your ballot or if you prefer, hold on to it until Thursday, October 14. On that date the clubhouse will be staffed with one person, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, to accept last minute ballots.

At any time between the 7th and the 14th you can mail or hand deliver your ballots to Richard Diaz at 14 Stone Ridge Road.

The election will be closed at 8:00 pm on the 14th of October and the count will be accomplished by Richard Fitzgerald of Great North Management Company.

The Trustees will be announced by Monday, October 18th.

There will be one ballot per unit. Your selections will be managing all condominium matters for the entire village.



Judy Culver
34 STONE RIDGE RD.



George Heiter
24 STONE RIDGE RD.

Candidate Summary

TOM BARRY

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, I was raised in Cambridge and Winchester until Linda and I were married in 1968. I received an Associates Degree in Accounting from Burdette College in Boston in 1967, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Drexel University in Philadelphia in 1978.

My career with W. R. Grace & Co. has spanned 37 years including various accounting positions for eleven years, production and plant management positions for five years, and facilities management positions for the last 21 years. I am currently Director, Facility Services at the Grace Performance Chemicals headquarters in Cambridge, MA. Since May of this year, I have been serving as Chair of the Finance and Budget Transition Committee. This committee has worked very hard to do our part for a smooth transition from the developers to the Village at Stone Ridge Association on November 12th. We have learned a great deal about the finances and operations of the VSR, and we know this is just the beginning.

I believe that our community is, and will continue to be, recognized as a "top end" community, envied by many who wish they lived here, and praised by many who have visited. However, The Village at Stone Ridge is highly regarded, not only because of the quality of the homes and the well manicured landscaping, but also because of the people who live here. People who enjoy their neighbors as well as the VSR grounds and are only too happy to help out when the need arises. That's what makes the VSR great.

As a member of the Board of Trustees at The Village at Stone Ridge, I will strive to continue the community spirit we currently enjoy, maintain the quality of life as we have come to expect, and help to manage the operations and financial condition of the VSR to insure that we will all be forever proud to call this "our community".

JUDY CULVER

Since moving into VSR in 2002, I have been an interested observer of the ongoing development of the Village and am now volunteering to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. I believe that the knowledge and skills I have gained through positions held both in town of Westford and the private sector will be assets in building a strong Board of Trustees.

I have always lived in small Massachusetts towns - raised on Martha's Vineyard, educated at UMass- Amherst, and lived in Westford for over 30 years. My husband Rick and I lived first in Forge Village where we raised our three children, then moved to the condominiums at Pilgrim Village where I served as a Trustee, and then on to VSR as Phase I pioneers. I am frequently seen walking with our two young grandchildren, Trevor and Allie, as we feed the fish and admire all the huge construction vehicles.

For 15 years I was employed by Digital Equipment in Maynard as a Business Systems Analyst where I led or served on teams which developed and implemented solutions for a variety of corporate projects.

In 1982 I began 10 years of service on the Westford School Committee followed by 9 years service on the Westford Finance Committee, holding leadership positions on each board. I am currently a member of the Robinson Elementary School Advisory Council and am serving on the Municipal Affairs sub-committee at VSR.

I know that I will be able to effectively serve the VSR community building upon the solid base already established by the Transition sub-committees. I will be attending the Candidate's night forum on Oct. 7 and hope to discuss any issues which you may have.

LOIS FRAMPTON

I am running for the first Board of Trustees because I believe it is most important to start off on the right foot and I think I have the experience of condo living that is unique within the village.

Prior to moving here I lived in a self-managed condo where I served on the Property Committee for 4 years, 2 years as chair. In that role I managed the condo's full time employee. My job encompassed all aspects of condo management with particular emphasis on landscape rejuvenation. I also rewrote most of the condo's Rules and Regulations, something we must do quickly here. I served for 6 years on the Harvard Conservation Commission specializing in Wetland Protection.

An avid gardener, I have taken a number of courses in landscape design, plant identification, propagation, etc. I am Vice Chairman of the Amateur Horticulture section of the New England Spring Flower Show for 2005, an Honorary Member of the Garden Club of Harvard, and Horticulture Chair for the Lincoln Garden Club.

I retired in 1996 from the MITRE Corporation where I was a Principal Scientist. Prior to that I worked for Digital Equipment Corporation for 19 years. I was the first woman to be promoted to Consulting Engineer and was Senior Manager, Network Architecture when I retired in 1992.

GEORGE HEITER

Born and raised in Germany, I came to the US in 1959. Working mostly in the Microwave area, I retired from Bell Labs in 1996 and from Analog Devices in 2001.

My wife Friederike and I moved to the Village at Stone Ridge (VSR) in July 2002.

As the Transition of the VSR Board of Trustees from Builders to Unit Owners loomed on the horizon, I helped forming the original Steering Committee early in 2004 to try to plan and provide as smooth a transition as possible. A part of this effort involved the creation of the 6 "Transition Committees" which successfully addressed specific areas of concern. I joined (and temporarily chaired) the Transition Committee on "Legal Issues" and made arrangements for the first formal meeting between the VSR representatives and the Builder's VSR Board of Trustees on 14 September 2004 at the Clubhouse.

It is my hope to be able to continue my support of the VSR as a member of its first Unit Owner's Board of Trustees.

NICK JOHNSON

I am flattered to have been nominated and have accepted because Rosalie and I both care about keeping 'The Village' the wonderful place it has been so far. My wife and I were born and raised in Providence, Rhode Island and have traveled far and wide. Now, I am very happily retired and have some time to contribute. I believe it is very important that we begin this transition well and expect that my many years of experience can help this process.

Having been involved from day one with the Transition Team and being the chairman of the Property Management Committee I have learned quite a bit already. I am very pleased that there are some excellent people I have worked with and believe we can field an excellent team. I am very happy to see that the other candidates have agreed to run and believe that each of these individuals has much to offer. At this point I am optimistic about our future here at The Village at Stone Ridge.

My education is in Electrical Engineering and Business Administration. I have worked for Thomas Group, Inc. as Vice President, Brigham & Women's Hospital as Vice President, Harvard Medical School as Associate Dean (non-clinical operations) and Polaroid Corporation at various management positions. My experience also includes design, construction and on-going operations of facilities throughout the United States.

I have also served on the Board of Directors for the Detroit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Board of Directors at Rhode Island Condominiums and Board of Directors for the Sudbury Little League.

BILL NUSSBUM

Having been asked to send some information on my background for the Newsletter, I think it appropriate to state from the outset that I am known primarily at Stone Ridge as "Tink's" husband. This of course renders the following as largely insignificant.

I was raised in Lexington, MA, went two years to Lexington High, and then Kimball Union Academy where my parents were delighted to hear that I would graduate in '59. Graduated from Colby College in '63 where I played some basketball, baseball, and was President of the Zeta Psi Fraternity. I also found a little time to study U.S. History as a major. While falling down a ski slope in Maine, I met the aforementioned "Tink," and we were married in 1965.

I am presently President of DMI which is a sales and marketing organization concentrating on components for the Aerospace and Medical industries. I served for seventeen years as a Board of Director for a New York manufacturer of Aircraft Fuel Controls. In July I retired after fourteen years as a Trustee of Middlesex Point Condominium Trust which is a business condominium complex in Bedford, MA. Also I am Vice President, and a member of the Executive Committee for the Alumni Council at Kimball Union.

JOEL ROSENBERG

I moved to The Village at Stone Ridge in May 2002 during Phase I, so I've literally seen the Village grow from the ground up. Like the handful of other owners who lived here in those early months of non-stop construction, I came to realize some of the challenges of creating a community that will meet the needs of a diverse group of owners. And I've been witness to and an integral part of some improvements that have been made since the earlier construction Phases.

As you may know, there were some problems with our unit. Working with Dave Guthrie and Howard Hall to resolve these issues was both a rewarding and sometimes frustrating experience. My efforts resulted in positive improvements for the entire Village. Guthall hired an acoustic engineer to evaluate the quality of soundproofing in common walls. Subsequently, a superior acoustic-building material has been used to soundproof common walls in the later-Phase units, thus reducing or completely eliminating noise transmission from neighboring units. In addition, Guthall no longer installs neighbor AC condensers under master bedroom windows. *(Continued on next page)*

(Joel Rosenberg Summary continued)

I firmly believe the key to making the Village a prosperous and successful community is open and honest discussion. And just as importantly, open communication and diplomatic decision making will help all owners to feel happy and proud to be living here. As a contributing member of the Building Committee, I participated in some important discussions and decisions about current and future priorities at the Village, and I have played a role in moving this transition process forward.

Having worked in retail management for most of my career, I've learned that the reward of providing excellent service is customer satisfaction and loyalty. This certainly applies to working with people in any setting. Through my work environment as well as in my church groups and events, I have ample experience working for and making contributions to goals for the good of the greater community.



PERCEPTIONS

Workingout by Louise O'Donnell

The Village at Stone Ridge has an excellent exercise room. We have helpful, experienced trainers here five times a week to push and prod us into becoming more fit and healthy. This has resulted in many lost inches, more muscles, lower blood pressure, and more energy.

When we leave these workouts, the energy boost is amazing. We can take on the world, or at least, our grandchildren. Believe me, it takes a great deal of energy to keep up with them.

Another benefit is the added pleasure of a sense of camaraderie we all share. Many new friendships are established. One instance of this is how everyone fell in love with Nany Diaz's mother, Ludy, who was here visiting and joined us in the exercise classes. She returned to her native Costa Rica, and Louise Theofilos baked a delicious cake to share in her sendoff. (Recipe below)

We share laughs, become more fit, and forge new acquaintances all in one locality. Join us!



L to R: Ludy, Rosalie, Barbara, Sharon, Marie and Louise after a favorite class, "Body Toning"

* DELICATE APPLE CAKE

Combine:

- 1 washed and grated apple
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1/3 cup oil
- Stir and set aside

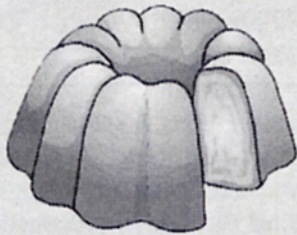
Sift together:

- 1-1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp salt

Add sifted mixture to apple mixture.

Bake in greased 8" or small bundt pan for 25-30 minutes at 350 degrees until it tests done.

* You can add 1/2 cup chocolate chips or raisins



A SLICE OF LIFE

Allies by Mort Silverman



I have know my close friend Joe (not his real name) for more than forty years. He is a practicing psychologist, excellent with children. He had not, however, been very good at picking a spouse. He has been married three times, although his current wife is a winner and they have a wonderful teenage daughter.

His first wife was contentious, irracible and angry. One afternoon they were driving in the upper east side of New York City. They were embroiled in a heated argument when, due to distraction, he went through a red light. A policeman pulled him over.

Before Joe or the policeman could say one word, his wife leaned across the driver's seat and yelled "Give him a ticket. He's always doing that. Give him a Ticket".

Joe looked at the policeman and said, "Do I need any more trouble?"

The policeman looked at him with an empathetic look in his eyes and said, "Go on!", waving him to continue on his way.

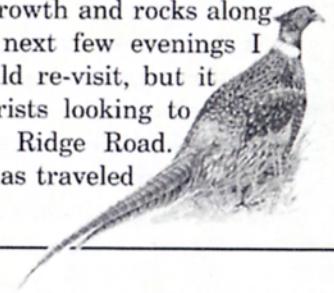
Joe drove away, pleased to have found an ally.

STROLLING DOWN VSR

Pheasant by Judith Culver



Two female Ring-necked Pheasants appeared strolling behind our unit one evening in early September. I'd never seen pheasants so close at hand before, so I quietly followed them at a distance. The pair seemed to have come down the slope between Highland and lower Stone Ridge Roads. They gracefully wandered around our bird feeder poles, made a loop around the stone cottage and then moved into the growth and rocks along the quarry side. For the next few evenings I watched, hoping they would re-visit, but it seems they were just tourists looking to view the sights of Stone Ridge Road. Perhaps their tour group has traveled on VSR roads before.



INTERESTING INFORMATION

by Paul Courier



Following one of our social gatherings on a Thursday evening a couple of weeks back, when the discussion turned to security in the Village, I did some research in an application we have at work to uncover interesting information to share with the Village residents.

* This data represents the year 2003 for the town of Westford.

CRIME INCIDENTS

- Murder - 0
- Rape - 0
- Robbery - 2*
- Assault - 2
- Arson - 0
- Auto Theft - 4
- Burglary - 19**
- Larceny - 110***

* larceny by threat of violence

** the act of breaking and entering with the intent to commit a felony

*** illegal taking and carrying away of personal property belonging to another with the purpose of depriving the owner of its possession

As for the town's state ranking we are in the 6th percentile and 4th percentile on a national scale.

There is a 0.70% chance of being a victim of a crime and 0.20% chance of being a victim of a bodily crime in the town of Westford!

Beyond the crime data I found other data, the residents might be interested in learning.

EMPLOYMENT

- 35.5% of the town residents are in professional employment.
- 24.9% are in managerial positions.
- 14.3% are in service occupations.
- 10.5% are in administrative support positions.
- 9.5% are in sales occupations.
- 5.2% are in operator/laborer positions.
- 0.1% are in farming/fishing/forestry occupations.

POPULATION

- 20,754
- 2.8% population growth rate (87th percentile state growth rate, 78th percentile national growth rate)

AGE BREAKDOWN

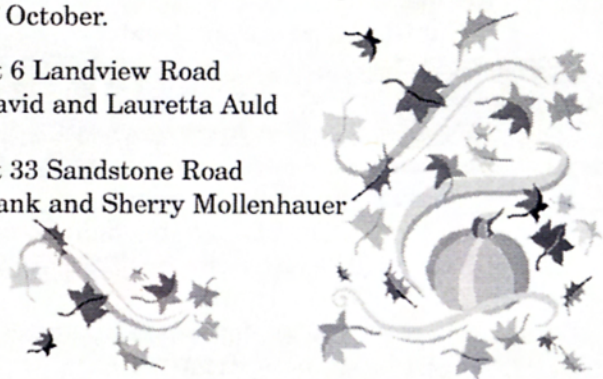
- Average age = 36.8 years
- 19.3% = 0-9 years
- 12.4% = 10-17 years
- 7.4% = 18-29 years

WELCOME!

To our new neighbors moving in this colorful month of October.

At 6 Landview Road
David and Lauretta Auld

At 33 Sandstone Road
Hank and Sherry Mollenhauer



TIP OF THE MONTH

Never too late to learn

by Nany Diaz

I went to the "Pampered Chef Party" last week and I was impressed with the hostess Beth Jacobs. The woman was full of information. She gave us all kinds of cooking tips while making a "Homemade Mexican Pizza". I saw her starting the pizza but to be honest, I don't know when she finished it. I think I was too excited and busy writing so I could share the following information with you.

Did you know why we cry when we peel onions? How do you cut your onions? If you're like me, I don't have a consistent way to cut them; one day I'll cut the onion top, next time I cut the bottom or just cut them in half. Well, there is a way to cut onions to avoid crying...don't cut the roots of the onions and the fumes won't be released.

Now I understand why sometimes I cried and sometimes I didn't! And all this time I thought it was the kind of onion I was cutting. It's never too late to learn...and I'll never cry again while cooking!

- 18% = 30-39 years
- 20.5% = 40-49 years
- 15.2% = 50-64 years
- 7.2% = 65+ years

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

- 77.0% are married
- 44.7% married with children
- 32.3% married with no children
- 18.3% single with no children
- 4.7% single with children

INCOME

· Median Income = \$98,272 (96th percentile state income ranking, 98th percentile national ranking)

LAND AREA - 30.6 square miles



Simply Social...

Welcome Fall!

By Donna Hudon

Our Clubhouse is vibrant with color both inside and out. Thanks to Linda Pierro and Tink Nussbaum who helped out.



"Woodman's of Essex" catered our fabulous "Clambake" on September 19th. The food was delicious, the company was great, and of course the baseball and football games were on the "Split-Screen" in the library! What could be better on a Sunday afternoon in September?!!

Beth Jacobs the representative for "The Pampered Chef" prepared some sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and a home made Mexican Pizza for our party. We did very well, thanks to the friends and neighbors that attended. The points we made allowed us to purchase many kitchen products.

There will be a sign-up sheet for our next event, a basket and gourmet food tasting given by "The 3 Basketeers" located at Flints Corner. Allana Johnston, the owner, will show-off some of the lovely "custom" baskets and also have a sampling of the foods that are available in her store. This event will be held on Tuesday, October 5th, from 7:00-8:30 pm. Come one, come all and bring a friend.

On October 19th, Collette Tours will be doing a presentation thru Universal Travel. More information to follow.

These Clubhouse events are a great way to meet your new neighbors and get together with old friends. We encourage your participation to help make these programs a success. If anyone has a particular event they would like to see hosted by "The Village" please give me a call.


Enjoy your day!



SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday September 29th - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board of Trustees Annual Meeting
Tuesday October 5th - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 3 Basketeers - Gift Baskets (gourmet food tasting)
Thursday October 7th - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Candidates Night
Thursday October 14th - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Election Night - Voting Ends
Tuesday October 19th - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Collette Tours Travel Night
Saturday October 23rd - 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Oldies, but Goodies Nite
*October Afternoon Tea at Stone Hedge Inn
*October Sunday afternoon Red Sox Playoffs
Thursday November 4th - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Business Meeting
Saturday November 13th - 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Stone Ridge Arts Festival
Saturday December 4th - 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm Holiday Party
Friday December 31st - 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm New Year's Eve Party
<small>* Date & time to be announced. Watch for information and sign-up sheets in bulletin board.</small>

Next Social Event Committee meeting: Thursday, October 28th, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse Library.



THE LAST WORD

Ketchup Problems

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

-Sent by Gabriella DiPrizio

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