



The Village at Stone Ridge

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Our New Board of Trustees



Standing: *Tom Barry, Bill Nussbum*
Seated: *Nick Johnson, Judy Culver, George Heiter,*



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Vote by Richard Diaz

The voting for the Board of Trustees at the Village at Stone Ridge ended on October 14, 2004 and the results were counted by Richard Fitzgerald of Great North Management Company. The results were reported to me on the very next day with nearly 90 % participation of the sold units casting ballots, the results were as follows:

George Heiter	71 votes	81.60%
Tom Barry	70 votes	79.90%
Nick Johnson	63 votes	73.02%
Bill Nussbum	54 votes	64.82%
Judy Culver	57 votes	64.48%

There were a total of 21 nominees, of which seven accepted their nominations as candidates. The entire process took two weeks from the announcement of the candidates, to the Candidate Night and ended with the close of voting.

The process took some time but it turned out quite well. So well in fact, that we intend to repeat the process next year.

The Board members are now negotiating the final details of the transition, which should be completed by November 12, 2004, when they assume full authority for the Village at Stone Ridge.

Congratulations to the new Board members and a sincere thanks to all candidates. As a personal note, I would like to thank the entire Village for the great cooperation and participation.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The Board of Trustees

by George Heiter, Board of Trustees

The members of the (almost) VSR Board of Trustees agree that the regular official meeting of the Board should occur on 6 December 2004, after the official transition to the Unit Owner membership has become effective on 12 November 2004.

However, a more widely advertised update to the community of the recent developments should and will be given at the "First Thursday of the Month" meeting on 4 November at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. This will include an introduction of the Board membership, a summary of where we go from here (including the Treatment Plant) and reports from each of the - now almost official - committees, with emphasis on Property and Finance.

The constitutional meeting of the Board of Trustees took place on 20 October 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the VSR Clubhouse. The meeting was convened by George Heiter at 7:06 p.m. with the following proposed agenda:

1. Confirmation of terms
2. Election to Board positions
3. Operating Committees
4. Liaisons
5. Future Board meetings
6. Other items

Item 1: It was agreed unanimously that the Board members are scheduled to serve terms with the following expiration dates:

Term will expire 2005: Judy Culver,

Term will expire 2006: Nick Johnson and Bill Nussbum

Term will expire 2007: Tom Barry and George Heiter.

Item 2: It was agreed unanimously that the Board should consist of the following positions in order to properly serve the community:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Property Management Director. The elections to fill these Board positions resulted in the following nominations and unanimous confirmation of each of the positions by the members of the Board of Trustees:

President: George Heiter

Vice President: Bill Nussbum

Secretary: Judy Culver

Treasurer: Tom Barry

Property Director: Nick Johnson

Item 3: It was agreed unanimously that the existing structure of the present six "Transition Committees" should be retained, with the titles changed to "Operating Committees", indicating their full responsibility to the Association as originally constituted. With the approval of the Board, each Committee may form subcommittees with specified responsibilities, to be reported through the Committee chair. A review of this structure will be held at a future date at the discretion of the Board.

Item 4: It was agreed unanimously that each Board member should serve as a liaison to one or more of the Operating Committees. The following assignments were made and accepted:

George Heiter: *Builder Committee, Social Committee*

Bill Nussbum: *Legal Committee*

Judy Culver: *Municipal Committee*

Tom Barry: *Finance and Budget Committee*

Nick Johnson: *Property Management Committee*

Item 5: Future meetings of the Board will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the VSR Clubhouse. The meetings will be open to all unit owners and the time from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. will be reserved for unit owner discussions, if desired; the remainder is allocated to agenda items of the Board.

Item 6: The Property Management Committee is reviewing the landscaping and snow removal bids received as a result of requests for proposals. The Finance and Budget Committee is using estimates to present a proposed budget for 2005. This proposal will include an item to cover contingencies in the operating budget.

The Finance and Budget Committee



By Tom Barry, Board of Trustees

First things first, I want to thank all of you who took the time to come out on Candidates Night, those of you who cast votes for election of the first Board of Trustees, and Richard Diaz for coordinating all the details of the election process.

Thanks also to all the candidates who accepted their nomination. It's too bad there weren't seven positions on the Board, because all seven candidates brought significant value to the VSR Board of Trustees. One way or another, all of their knowledge, experience, and willingness to serve will be utilized to the benefit of all of us at the VSR.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for expressing your confidence in me by electing me to the first Board of Trustees. I am proud to serve on the Board and will do everything I can to maintain the high quality of life we have come to expect at the Village at Stone Ridge.

As for the business end of things, there are two topics to update you on at this point in time.

First, as we reported at the last "First Thursday" get together, a sub-committee was put together to work out all the financial issues between the developers and the VSR Association. The sub-committee consists of Howard Hall and David Guthrie (the developers), Tom Barry and George Heiter representing the VSR, and Richard Fitzgerald of Great North Property Management.

Things are progressing with this group. We met on Thursday, October 7th, and were able to resolve some issues, but a few still remain needing further clarification. We have another meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th, and hope to come to a fair resolution.

Second, the Finance and Budget Transition Committee is working at putting together the 2005 Operating Budget. We are working closely with the Property Transition Committee who is obtaining proposals for various portions of the budget like landscaping and snowplowing. We'll also take a look at insurance, as this is a significant liability to the budget. The expenses for the Water and Sewer portion of the budget are also being reviewed. We continue to work with Richard Fitzgerald for his experience and input.

A key segment of the 2005 Budget (and all future years) involves the Reserve Accounts. Beginning in 2005, we will fund the reserve accounts appropriately, so that we can, hopefully, avoid Unit Owner assessments as maintenance issues occur in future years.

We continue to explore every dollar in the budget and expect to present a final 2005 Proposed Budget to the Board of Trustees by the end of November for their approval.

For more information, please come to the "First Thursday" meeting on November 4th.

Municipal Affairs Committee



Judith Culver, Board of Trustees

I will be able to report the Assistant Town Manager's recommendation regarding Town curbside trash pickup for VSR at Thursday night's meeting. He and the Town Planner have been researching the Planning Board and Town Meeting records to determine what and when any discussions or decisions were made during the planning phases of our development. He will be making his recommendation to the Town Manager on Tuesday and will notify me, shortly thereafter.

Our reasons for requesting the service are:

- a) that other condos in Town receive the service
- b) that the Town already provides recycling service to VSR
- c) that we will not be using Town road or school (probably) services
- d) that VSR aids the Town in meeting its affordable housing targets.

While our arguments for the trash pickup are viewed as reasonable, any recorded discussions may take precedence.

Communication Sub-Committee



By Richard Diaz

The Communications Sub-Committee held its first formal meeting on September 28, 2004. During this meeting a number of important issues were discussed. The first order of business was to identify officers of the committee.

Richard Diaz was elected as Chairman, Armand Francoeur as Treasurer and Louise O'Donnell was voted in as Secretary. Other members were Nany Diaz, Gail Sergerian and Tom West.

The committee decided that The Quarry Bulletin Newsletter will be produced a minimum of four times per year and will be edited for copy and content by the committee. This means that we will publish each month unless circumstances require otherwise, but will be produced at least 4 times each year. Editing of copy and content will be assigned to different members of the committee.

Advertising was discussed and it was decided by the committee to offer advertising to our readers.

The largest ad space available will be classified type ad. The smallest space will be an ad of two lines. Advertisements must be paid in advance and will be accepted on a per issue basis.

Keep in mind that the newsletter is passed along to people outside the Village, so please, do not put an address in your ad. A name and telephone number should be adequate. At the bottom of this article are sample ads.

ENTERTAINMENT

Looking to form a "Canasta Club" to play at the Clubhouse once a month starting in January. I need a group of 8. If you're interested, please call 978-692-0648

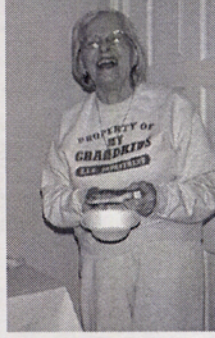
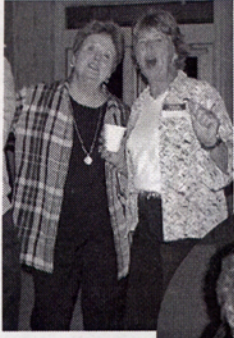
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**THERE WAS MUSIC
DANCING AND FUN!**



**SINGING
AND MORE
SINGING**



Joe & Linda Pierro, thanks for lending us your Juke Box



**AND THERE WERE ALSO
NERVOUS RED SOX FANS...**



RAVE REVIEW

Good Grub! by Paul Courier



Jayne and I enjoy exploring and finding new places to eat with a casual neighborhood atmosphere. We found a gem within 15 minutes of the Village. We recommend it, if you enjoy a pub/grille style eatery.

The Glenview Pub & Grille is in North Chelmsford, on Princeton St (Rte 3A south). Take Rt3 south to exit 32, 4 north to 3A South. The Pub is about a quarter of a mile, on your left.

The menu is large and assorted with seafood (fresh daily), beef, chicken, and Italian entries and specials. The prices are reasonable and the food very good with generous portions. For those of us who are beer



drinkers, you can get a 16 oz draft for under \$2.00 and bottled beer for under \$3.00 and if you like sports, the pub is a great place to watch an event with three large flat screen TV's. Another plus in the pub is the fresh buttered popcorn to munch on while enjoying a cold frosty one. On weekends there is live entertainment in the pub, which we both felt was pretty good.

Jayne and I have been there a couple of times and have not been disappointed yet. So, if you want to get out, have a few beers and some good food without getting sticker shock when you pay the bill, all within a short drive from the Village, give the Glenview Pub and Grille a try. Enjoy!



PERCEPTIONS

House Tour by Louise O'Donnell



On a beautiful fall day in October, my son, his wife, and I joined a group of people in Westford to visit the old, historic homes in town on the Westford Open House Tour sponsored by the Westford Historical Society. We also met several other people from our Village at Stone Ridge along the route.

We began with a home in the center across from the library. The owners graciously explained the background of the home. It previously was an old fashioned country store, a post office and a pre-school. A young couple owns it with children who lovingly restored and beautifully furnished it. The aroma of the apple pie in the oven was wonderful and we didn't want to leave.

We next visited the large white house across from Sweet Peas on Main Street. It boasts a working windmill, which the current owners restored and are so proud of. It also has a floor to ceiling bookcase in the library, which comes away from the wall to reveal a door to the kitchen. This was a summer residence for a wealthy couple and I can just see him ringing a bell and summoning his butler to bring him a mint julep. I could easily live in either of these homes; they are so comfortable and lovely.

The Samuel Fitch House on Powers Road is now the Samuel Fitch House Bed and Breakfast and was one of our next stops. We also visited the museum on 2 Boston Road, which contains much memorabilia, which really interested us. This building was the original Westford Academy, and then was used as a fire station until the Westford Museum acquired the building.

All in all, we toured eight historic sites in four hours. I realized, after these visits, that I live in a beautiful, old and interesting town. There is much to learn about its early days and I hope to discover more in the future.

A SLICE OF LIFE

Tolerant Phone Calls by Mort Silverman



During the 1960's, when I was an actor, I had to take other jobs to support myself. I worked as a Maitre D., waiter and as a bartender in a jazz club in the East Village in New York City. They were all night jobs and I usually arrived home early in the morning. Sometimes I painted until sunrise and then went to sleep.

Many times I was awakened by the shrill ring of the telephone. At one period of time I was continually receiving phone calls from Rialto Handbags, making it difficult to get a good, restful sleep. It annoyed me so much that finally, I had had it. The next call I got, asking for Rialto Handbags, I said "Yes, this is Rialto. What can I do for you?" This man said he was from Midwest Hauling and could I ask 'his man' to call when he arrived. I told him, "Don't worry about it. I'll take care of it."

I looked up the addresses and phone numbers of Rialto Handbags and Mid-West Hauling, wrote them down on a small piece of paper and taped them on the wall over my desk. The next time Rialto called, a man asked for Mr. Rothman. I told him, "I don't see him, but his jacket is here. Perhaps he went to the restroom." He opted not to wait for him and said he "would call him again later."

Another caller asked 'his man' not to pickup and call the office. I reassured the caller that I would get the message to 'his man.'

Finally, after many similar calls, I got a phone call asking for Mr. Rothman. I gave him the standard answer of, "His coat is here but I don't see him. Perhaps he's in the restroom." routine. The caller responded, "OH YEAH!"

That was the last "Hello, Rialto?" phone call that I received.

Clubhouse Caution

from Richard Fitzgerald

Fall is here and there are many critters trying to find shelter and food for the winter. These pests have invaded the Clubhouse in the past and with the increased usage of the facilities many people have left open bags of chips and other food in the pantry for others to use.



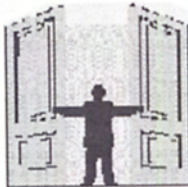
Please do not leave any open food containers or bags in the kitchen.

Either take the food with you or throw it away. Sealed cans or boxes may be left, but they must be critter proof. Dealing with pests can get expensive and destructive.

Doors Ajar

by Larry Anzivino

Would everyone please take care to close the outside doors of the exercise room and those doors on either side of the fireplace by pulling them shut tightly? Although it is not readily noticeable when walking through, they are often ajar, leaving the clubhouse open to looters, trespassers and unwelcome guests. This problem is not apparent at a glance. If you push the doors open, not using the bar or handle, they will open and they should not. These doors must be pulled closed by the bar or handle and checked with a push of the frame on the glass.



Heat and Electricity

by Nany Diaz

Please be aware of the setting on the heat thermostat in the Clubhouse. It should be turned down to 62 degrees before you leave the building. Also, the fans and lighting in the clubhouse gym needs to be turned off. The cost of energy is rising as the outdoor temperature falls. The same goes for the AC during the summer time.



Attic to Basement Treasures

by Donna Hudon

Is there something that you have stored away that may not be useful to you, but could help in our Clubhouse?



If you have any kitchenware, videos, books for the library, etc, that you think might be a good addition to our Clubhouse, give me a call at:

978-692-3830

Thank you for your support.

Fitness Center - Equipment Needed

by Barbara West

Due to the increase in usage, our fitness center could use some additional equipment. If anyone has some Dumbbells (preferably five, eight, ten or twelve pounds), they are not using and would be willing to donate them to the center - they could be put to good use. Other items that are needed are Tubing w/ handles, and Stability Balls.



If you would like to donate items or just to make a modest cash donation towards these items, call Barbara West at 978-692-3262. These are not expensive items, but badly needed ones.



Our classes, put on by Unique Fitness, with experienced instructors are becoming more and more popular. Come join us - we have loads of fun.

Unwelcome Visitors

by Richard Diaz

In the October 2004 issue of The Merrimack Journal there was a picture of a bear feeding on bird feeder seeds in someone's back yard. The location of the property was not specific other than the Town of Pepperell. This is not the first incident of a bear sighting, in fact, other dangerous wild life have been spotted in and around Middlesex County. Other wild life sightings have included Mountain Lion, Coyote, Moose, Turkey, Beaver and Deer.



All this wild life is fascinating to observe from a safe distance or a protected enclosure. However, animals in the wild will not always comply with your safety requirements and you should take preventative measures to avoid attracting wild life in our Village.

Do not leave eatable items exposed in driveways or backyards. Wild animals are always looking for a quick and easy meal. Do not over fill bird feeders with seed and never take your eyes off of small children.



Turkey Gathering

by Jean Einarson

Two turkeys stroll by each day behind my condo on Sandstone. This morning they had two friends, I was surprised to see four strolling by. They should be careful, Thanksgiving is coming soon.



LAUGH A LITTLE

George Carlin's Views on Aging



Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions.

"How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!" You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five!

That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life . . . you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony . . . YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're Just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40.

Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 . . . and your dreams are gone.

But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80s and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime.

And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; "I Was JUST 92."

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half!"

May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay them.

2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, Whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: *Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.*



WELCOME!

To our new neighbors moving in this festive month of November.

- On Rockwell Road**
2 Jack and Theresa Bilodeau
- On Sandstone Road**
25 Dot Palisoul

- On Gatecrest Road**
1 Joe and Violetta Rauktys
- 11 Bill and Eileen Cotter
- 15 John and Joanne Connolly
- 17 Larry and Joan Lief





Simply Social... *By Donna Hudon*

October was a busy month at our Clubhouse.



Alana Johnston, owner of the 3 Basketeers, located at nearby Flint's Corner, hosted a "Basket Night". She brought along a large selection of her custom and specialty baskets, as well as an assortment of gourmet food spreads and dips for a food tasting.

A travel night was sponsored by University Travel in Westford, with a representative from Collette Tours providing a slide presentation for upcoming trips to Italy and the Canadian Rockies.

Thanks go out to Linda and Joe Pierro for "lending" their 60's juke box for our Rock n' Roll Saturday Pot Luck Supper. Many of us sang and danced to tunes of the 50's and 60's. Thanks to everyone that participated in these events.

When our Clubhouse/Social Committee was formed almost six months ago, one of the goals was to make it as financially "self-sustaining" as possible. Meaning, if there were small items that we needed (ie, coffee pots, kitchen ware, tables, bulletin boards, food products such as coffee, cream, seasonal decorations, etc) for different events, we would have a "reserve fund" to take care of the cost.

In the past months we have purchased two tables, water bottles for the health club, floral centerpieces and seasonal decorations for the Clubhouse most of which can be used over again.

More than once, our residents have contributed to our events over this past year. It was nice to "give back" to them after one cookout this summer, where we actually made a profit.

Our Clubhouse is for everyone's use and enjoyment. We hope our residents take advantage of this lovely facility and the events that are offered.

"Thank you" to Friederike Heiter for donating and making the lovely fall table coverings; Dominic Defronzo and Len Halio for helping move the juke box to and from the Clubhouse and June Halio for her help preparing for Saturday Night.

Congratulations to our new Board of Trustees. Our committee looks forward to working with you.

Next Social Committee meeting, Tuesday, November 22nd
Enjoy your day!

CLUB HOUSE BOOKINGS

November 3rd	.....	TBA
November 6th	.....	TBA
November 20th	.....	TBA
December 4th	.....	TBA
December 12th	.....	TBA
December 14th	.....	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
December 19th	.....	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
December 21st & 22nd	....	3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
December 26th	.....	TBA
December 31st	.....	TBA



SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday November 4th - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Monthly Business Meeting

Sunday November 7th - 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday Brunch

Saturday November 13th - 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Stone Ridge Arts Festival

Saturday December 4th - 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Holiday Party

Tuesday December 14th - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Cookie Swap

Friday December 31st - 7:30 pm - 1:00 am
New Year's Eve Party



THE LAST WORD A Juggling Moment

A Florida State Trooper pulled a car over on I-95 about 2 miles south of the FL/GA state line. When the Trooper asked the driver why he was speeding, the driver answered that he was a magician and a juggler and he was on his way to Savannah to do a show that night at the Georgia Shrine Circus and didn't want to be late.

The Trooper told the driver he was fascinated by juggling, and if the driver would do a little juggling for him he wouldn't give him a ticket. The driver told the Trooper he had sent all of his equipment on ahead and didn't have anything to juggle.

The Trooper told him he had some flares in the trunk of his patrol car and asked if he could juggle them. The juggler stated he could, so the Trooper got three flares, lit them and handed them to the juggler.

While the man was doing his juggling act, a car pulled in behind the patrol car, a drunk got out and watched the performance briefly. He then went over to the patrol car, opened the rear door and got in. The Trooper observed him doing this and went over to the patrol car, opened the door and asked the drunk what he thought he was doing.

The drunk replied, "You might as well take my fanny to jail, cause there's no way in hell I can pass that test."

-Sent by Gabriella DiPrizio

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