



The Village at Stone Ridge

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THE BLIZZARD OF 2005 PUMMELS THE VILLAGE

by Richard Diaz

The storm of the year crossed the country with a crescendo of energy. Coming from the midwest, through the Ohio Valley, into Pennsylvania and New York, it dumped large amounts of snow that impacted all modes of transportation.

The storm arrived in Massachusetts, as scheduled, at 5:00pm on Saturday the 22nd of January. Beginning with a snizzle, it continued its march into the Bay State with a relentless cadence. The snow began to accumulate overnight until it ended at 2:00pm on Sunday.

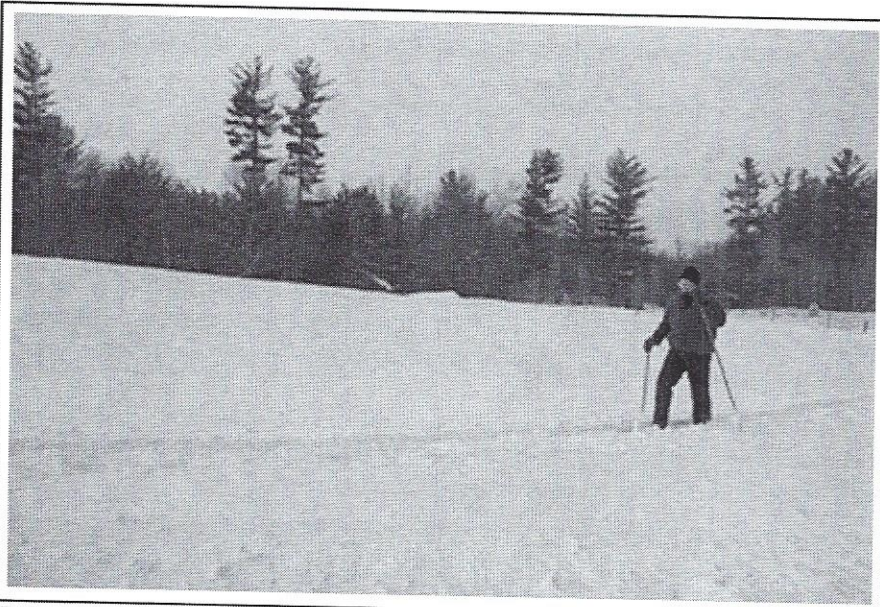
Before ending, the storm, with a final belch of fury, blew drifts at the Village of some five feet high.

Cape Cod was the hardest hit, in New England, with hurricane velocity winds and high tides.

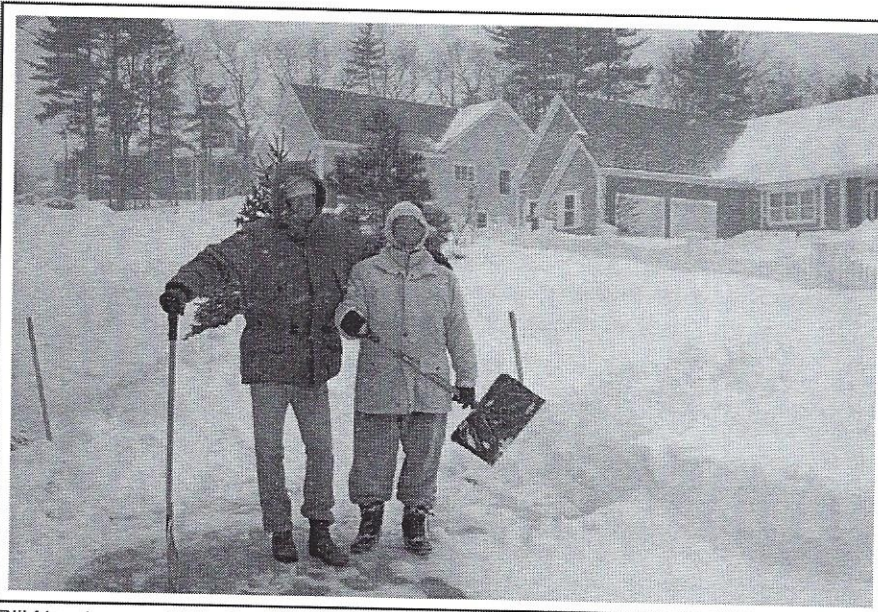
It went from a storm to a blizzard when the wind speeds exceeded 35 miles per hour with cold temperatures and visablity reduced to 1/4 mile or less, for more than three hours. A severe blizzard is defined by temperatures at or below 10 degrees fahrenheit, winds exceeding 45mph, and visibility reduced by snow to near zero.

We don't have a weather reporting station here at the Village, but I think that everyone can agree that this was a bad storm. To compound the misery, three days later another storm deposited 5 to 9 inches of additional snow.

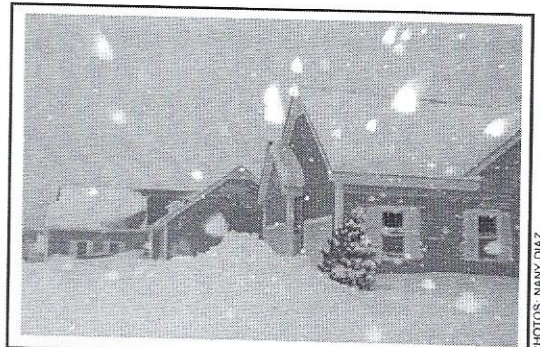
Everyone is anticipating the warm front due to arrive here in April.



Dean Hubbard went out after the blizzard and took advantage of the fresh snow, to do some country skiing in front of the Clubhouse.



Bill Nussbum and Elia Demetri, old habits die hard.



Stone Ridge Road as the blizzard intensifies.

PHOTOS: NARY DIAZ

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The Finance and Budget Committee



by Tom Barry, Board of Trustees

Under the leadership of Ron Caterino, Chairman, the Finance and Budget Committee worked long and hard hours in the second half of 2004 to insure that we understood the 2004 Budget; worked with the Great North accounting staff to purge the Income Statement and Balance Sheet of burdensome accounts so that 2005 started out clean; and made sure we had a good base to build a Budget for 2005. Ron and committee members Gene Hudon, Ken Hyle, Bill Townsend, and George Theofilos (with previous members Bill Nussbum and Tom Barry) attained the committee's objectives for 2004 and are now well positioned to manage the VSR 2005 Budget.

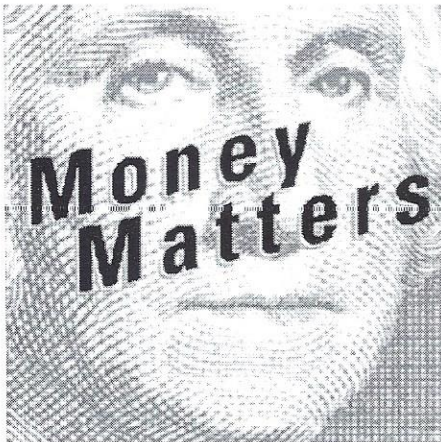
Although the December, 2004 numbers are not yet final and may change when the Auditors review the 2004 financial statements, the preliminary Income Statement for 2004 indicates a favorable balance of income over expenses of \$840.00.

The Capital Reserve Account, which we have talked about at many of the "First Thursday" meetings ended up 2004 with a balance of \$52,548. The estimated balance by the end of construction is \$60,000.

During the month of December, Guthall deposited their commitment check of \$75,000 for the Water & Sewer *Financial Security Account* as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, the Water & Sewer *Capital Reserve Account* ended 2005 with a balance of \$14,531. By the end of the final unit sales and closings toward the end of the first quarter of 2005, we expect this account will total approximately \$25,000.

In summary, preliminary indications are that we ended up the year in a fairly balanced position, although we still have a few financial issues to resolve which could affect the 2004 year end numbers.

One final note, the 2005 budget, as presented to you, appears to be fairly realistic. However, we are keeping a close eye on the snow plowing portion of the budget. The 2005 budget includes a snow plowing contract of \$60,875 for 55" of snow. To date we're at 51.6", with more snow expected in the forecast for this week! For your information, we pay a fixed cost per inch for every inch over 55", so let's hope for a very early spring.



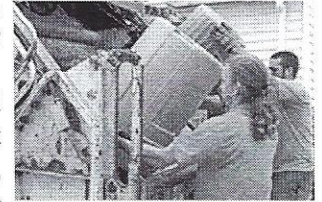
Trash Pickup



by Judy Culver, Board of Trustees

Curbside trash pickup by Westford's hauler began last Thursday. Remember to refer to the Blue Pages in your 2005-2006 Westford Directory, which each household received recently. If you have questions regarding what type of items you may put curbside, the Blue Pages should answer them for you.

There has been a successful sticker program for certain bulk items in place with the town, for several years. Westford also hosts periodic disposal of hazardous wastes and other specialty waste products. The dates for these specialty pickups are well publicized in the Westford Eagle Newspaper.



The Sewer System



by Richard Diaz

The units at the Village at Stone Ridge do not have individual septic systems nor are they connected to city sewerage. Our system is in fact, a completely self-contained "Waste Disposal System", operated and maintained out of your \$75 per month water/sewer fee.

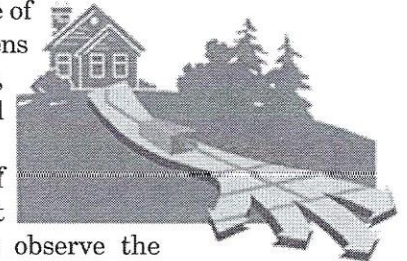
Improper use (or abuse) of this system can directly affect your neighbors and become very costly for the entire Village. A premature failure of the system could cost tens of thousands of dollars, which would be reflected in the monthly fee.

To extend the life of the system and have it operate properly, please observe the following regulations:

1. DO NOT put grease into the system; use containers and dispose in regular trash,
2. DO NOT flush toxic waste materials or chemicals into the system,
3. DO NOT flush bulky waste or feminine products into the system,
4. Garbage disposals are NOT permitted.

Also, all residents should be aware that there are individual grinder pumps located at strategic spots, throughout the property. These units can fail. When they do fail, there is a red warning light and an audible alarm that will sound to alert the affected unit owner. If you observe the red light and hear the alarm:

1- Do not use the system until it is repaired; adding more waste to an already overloaded system may backup



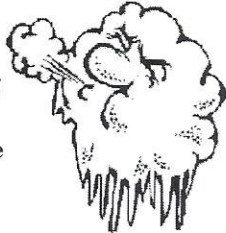
waste water into your unit or into your neighbor's.
 2- Call Great North Management at 603-891-1800 immediately and notify them of this emergency situation.

Your cooperation and care in protecting the system is very important. If you are not familiar with this kind of septic system or need some advice on how to use it properly, you may call Great North Management Company.

Repairs to the system can become quite expensive; replacement of the system can be economically overwhelming.

WELCOME!

To the arriving neighbors moving in during this chilly winter month. Welcome home, to The Village at Stone Ridge.



On Sandstone Road
16 Anne Sullivan

On Stone Ridge Road
4 Skip and Pauline Giles

On Gatecrest Road
13 Gordon and Paula Wood

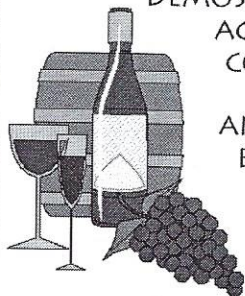
WINE TASTING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2005
AT THE CLUBHOUSE

SPONSORED BY
THE TRAVELING VINEYARD

\$8.00 PER PERSON

THE TRAVELING VINEYARD WILL PROVIDE THE WINE AND DEMONSTRATE THEIR MANY ACCESSORIES, SUCH AS CORK OPENERS, WINE CHILLERS, ETC. ANY PURCHASES WILL BE CREDITED TO THE CLUBHOUSE



CHEESE & CRACKERS
WILL BE SERVED

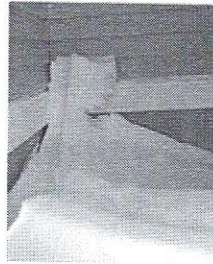
THE HANDYMAN CORNER

by Nick Johnson

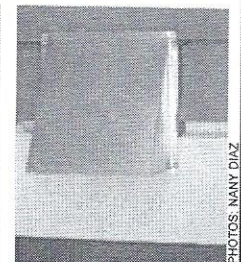


The recent blizzard uncovered a couple of items that our Village owners may want to keep an eye on. We are all, individually, responsible for the proper maintenance of our unit systems (i.e.; heating, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical). This column offers a few helpful hints.

You will need to locate your furnace intake and exhaust pipes. They are always located on the outside of your units. It is normally visible on the side or rear of your unit and consists of two white plastic PVC pipes, one going up, the other going down. These airways always need to be unobstructed and with this week's storm, not covered by snow. If the intake vent is covered by snow, which happened to the Erickson's, the furnace is starved of air and the system shuts down.



Unit vent covered with snow

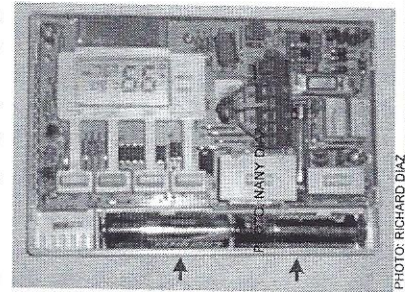


Vent cleared of snow

Clearing the snow away from the vent will re-supply proper ventilation and allow the furnace to restart.

The second hint is to pay attention to your thermostat. If and when you see either a "Bat" or "Lo" message on the display, the batteries inside the thermostat need to be replaced, immediately. Low batteries will shut down your heating system, which happened to one of our residents.

After you gently pry the plastic cover plate off, simply replace the two AA batteries shown in the picture. Obviously you will want to then replace



AA Batteries

the cover once the batteries have been replaced. If you are not sure of what you need to do, you may call me at 978-392-5859. I can come and replace the batteries for you. Please have AA batteries handy.

In any situation where your system fails you may need to briefly switch your system off by moving the "COOL-OFF-HEAT" to the "OFF" position for five seconds, then move the switch to the "Heat" position, allowing the system to automatically reset.

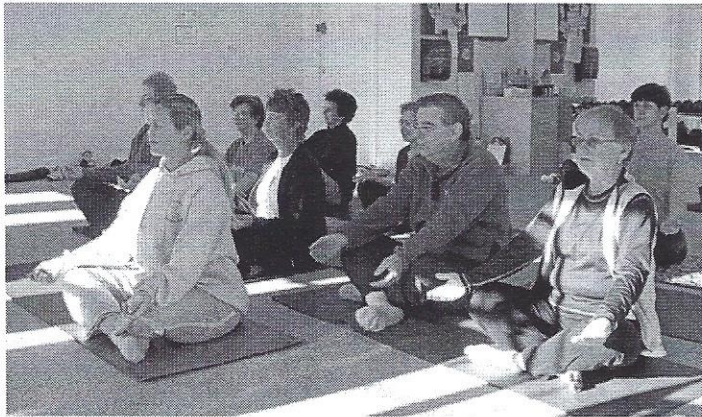
We will regularly publish "Handy Hints" in our monthly newsletter. If you have any hints or suggestions about preventative maintenance, in and around the home, please send me an email at: nicholasjohnson@comcast.net.

THE YOGA CLASS A Rejuvenating Experience

Submitted by Tom and Barbara West

If you have had a tough week, come to the fitness center at 9:00 am Saturday mornings. Sharon of Unique Fitness conducts her weekly Yoga class. No experience is necessary and you move at your own pace - it is non-competitive. As Sharon says, "Your body will thank you." You will stretch your body just as much as you are able, but after a few weeks, you will be surprised at how flexible you have become.

The classes are open to both men and women and are conducted by a professional. They are informal, and lots of fun. I guarantee if you attend one session, you will be a regular. Barbara and I didn't know exactly what we were getting into when we first started, but now we wouldn't miss it. And, as Sharon says at the end of the session, "Thank yourself for coming today and doing something good for your body." You will and it is.



Yoga class on Saturdays morning doing the "Lotus" position with instructor Sharon



The "Warrior" position

Classes Schedule

Mondays	9:30 a.m.	Body Toning
Tuesdays	5:00 p.m.	Back to Basics
Wednesdays	No Classes	
Thursdays	9:00 a.m.	Circuit Training
Fridays	8:30 a.m.	Yogalates
Saturdays	9:00 a.m.	Gentle Yoga

A SLICE OF LIFE

Cats

by Mort Silverman



Before leaving New York City my first wife and I lived on the Upper West Side. Our apartment had two and one half rooms. The roof of the bank below served as our patio.

We had two Siamese cats. The mother, "Banshee" was a "sealpoint" and the daughter, "Petunia" was a "bluepoint".

Banshee was in heat. On a hot summer evening she got out of the window, onto the patio and, somehow, down to the street. The next day, in mid-afternoon, Banshee came home. She was no longer in heat. Get ready for kittens!

A few months later Banshee chose a bed of rags in a dark closet to have her kittens. Four black kittens with white markings were born. Banshee was a very good mother and tended to them constantly.

There came a time when Banshee felt that it was time for her kittens to come out of the closet to join the rest of the family. One by one she picked them up by the skin of their necks and brought them into the living room.

Petunia, however, did not think the kittens were ready to come out. So, one by one, she picked up Banshee's babies by the nape of their necks and returned them to the closet. There was a kind of merry-go-round that lasted for about three hours: Banshee carrying the kittens out of the closet and Petunia bringing them back in. It was hilarious to watch cat life go on.

Eventually, Petunia got tired of the merry-go-round and retreated to a warm spot to sleep. Banshee found a comfortable spot and settled down to nurse the kittens.

I developed a severe allergy to cats and we decided to find all of our cats good homes. Fortunately we were able to do that.

Cats are such special creatures, it was emotional to part with them. I still value the memory of that merry-go-round still brings a smile to my face.



The Quilting Club

If you are interested in Quilting or Sewing, the club meets every Friday from 9:30 am to 12 noon at the Clubhouse. Come join us.

For more information call

Lois Frampton at

978-692-4095

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Dorothy Hall

by Shirley Chambers



Dottie is a happy incurable opera buff. She sets aside Saturday afternoon as her special relax-and-enjoy time listening to the music on 95.3 SFM radio. She recalls that when she was in school in New York in the 1940's she would go to the Met (if she could afford it) and sit in the \$1.25 seats in the upper balconies. She now plans her yearly visit to Florida to coincide with the month in which the Sarasota Opera Company has its fullest performance schedule, usually March.

Dottie has an aura of great respectability and gentility. During my visit with her, being a very discerning viewer (and a bit of a snoop too), I couldn't help but notice the array of awards she's received in her lifetime: several community service awards, Governor's Award for Outstanding Health Benefits Counseling, Kiwanis Person of the Year, to name but a few.

This native New Englander has a fascinating collection of more than 200 owls in varying sizes. Some are itty-bitty and some are nearly life size. Many are fashioned from semi-precious gems (jade, cinnabar, labradorite), some are carved out of buffalo horns, and others are made from glass, porcelain, brass, and wood. Each has a source story and these are happy stories full of nostalgia. They were either gifted to her or collected personally during Dottie's travels to various parts of the U.S. and to different countries including China and Japan. I call Dottie "a wise old owl."

Dottie graduated from Mass. General Hospital in 1946. For a time she served in the Cadet Nurses Corps (remember, Truman set this program up to flood the work force with RN's to replace all those who were serving in the armed forces).

Dottie got her Bachelor's degree from New York University, and in 1961 her Master's degree from Columbia University. She then took a job as Director of Nursing for the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health serving 16 communities. Fortunately for us, this

is when she came to Westford.

Dottie married Philip Hall, a lifelong Westford resident. They spent some glorious weekends navigating the north shore waters in their cabin cruiser (which they kept at the Danvers Yacht Club) as well as vacations sailing on a four-Masted schooner in the Caribbean. Sadly, Phil died in 1983 at the young age of 54.

Dottie retired in 1988 after being with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for 22 years, having served both as public Health Nursing Consultant and District Health Officer. After retirement she got involved in Westford's community services entirely on a volunteer basis. She has certainly done a great deal of good for our town.

She served on Westford's financial committee for 8 years. She was instrumental in spearheading a group of townspeople to clean around the mill pond in Graniteville, which was an eyesore—full of trash and overgrown with weeds and poison ivy. She then canvassed for monetary donations from individuals and organizations to

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purchase large granite benches (19 in all) to surround the pond. Even the school children helped on this project. Their slogan was "Bond with the Pond." The mill pond restoration was completed in 2000. Dottie is very proud of her endeavors on this behalf and invites everyone to visit the site.

Dottie Hall is now best known in Westford for being the champion of the elderly. She is a Board Member of the



PHOTO: NANCY DIAZ

Westford Council for the Aging. For 10 years she was involved with the SHINE Program (Serving Health Information Needs of the Elderly). She also went before the town's selectmen to get a committee appointed to help alleviate senior's real estate taxes. She coordinates the TREAD Program (Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled), which is based on income and is financed by donations. She also coordinates the Tax Work Program, which is sponsored by the town and is not income-based. Take note fellow VSR'ers, any of us over 60 can apply. By putting in 100 hours working for the town on various assigned tasks we can get \$750 deducted from our Real Estate taxes. Hallelujah, I'm signing up tomorrow. Some of our residents already have. Call Dottie if you're interested.

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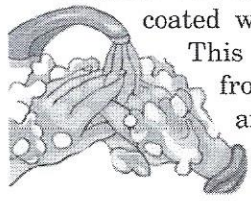
Health Hints

by Rosalie Johnson

Our tooth brushes can be harbingers of germs that re-infect us after having a common cold or the flu. A recent article recommended keeping them soaking in an antiseptic mouthwash like Listerine or another brand. This will help to kill the germs. Another suggestion is to put your toothbrushes through the dishwasher periodically and replace them regularly, every 3 to 6 months.



Another hint is to keep the inside of your nose coated with a lubricant like petroleum jelly. This keeps nasal passages moist and free from cracks that allow germs to penetrate and infect us.



We all know about washing our hands frequently and disinfecting door knobs and other things we touch regularly. These are just a few ways that we can take precautions and avoid infecting others or re-infecting ourselves.

The Clubhouse Gym

by Nany Diaz

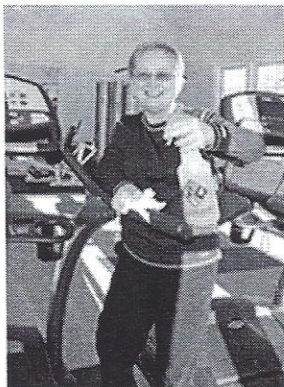
New Benches

The benches for the men and women's bathrooms are in and they look wonderful. Now that we have them in I don't know how we did without them. Thanks to Jayne Currier for researching and buying the benches. They are great!



Cleaning routine

Please, let's get in the habit of wiping down the treadmills, weights and other items after each use as a courtesy to the next person who will be exercising. In addition to having a sanitary environment, we need to keep the machines free of dust and debris to avoid premature failure and enhance safety. We have a great gym, loaded with well used equipment. If we all cooperate, we will have the use of all the facilities, for many years to come.



Barbara West wipes clean the treadmill for the next user.

New Lock



The new lock for the gym door is now operational. If you are a newcomer to the facility and don't know the combination to open the door, please call 978-692-0648.

This is not a Hoax

by Nick Johnson

I received a telephone call last evening from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service Technician who was conducting a test on local telephone lines. He stated that, to complete the test I should touch nine(9), zero(0), the pound sign (#), on my phone and then hang up. Luckily, I was suspicious and refused. Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to the use of your telephone line, which enables them to place long distance calls billed to your home phone number.



I was further informed that this scam has been originating from many jails and/or prisons. I have also verified this information with UCB Telecom, Pacific Bell, MCI, Bell Atlantic, Verizon and GTE.



Please beware. **DO NOT** press 90# for ANYONE for any reason.

The GTE Security Department requested that I share this information with everyone that I know. PLEASE pass this on to everyone YOU know. If you have mailing lists and/or newsletters with organizations you are involved with, I encourage you to pass this information on, to them.

Limited Raffle Tickets

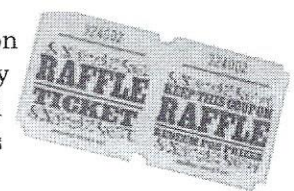
by Judy Culver

East Boston Camps Purchase Fundraiser

Win 10 days in the Village of Boutenac in Southern France. Your own townhouse in the Cobiere wine district that sleeps 8 in 4 bedrooms and 2 ½ baths! Boutenac nestles between the Mediterranean port city of Narbonne and the medieval city of Carcassone. Enjoy fresh baquettes daily from the shop a few steps from your front door. Twelve bottles of local wine are bottled and labeled, waiting for the winner.

It's not too late to obtain a raffle ticket for this very impressive prize and to also help fund the purchase of the East Boston Camps land tract.

The winner will be drawn on February 7, 2005, the same day that voters at Westford's Special Town Meeting will deliberate this purchase.



Tickets are \$50 each and can be obtained by contacting owner/donor Janis Henderson at 978-392-3470. Checks for payment of the tickets can be made to Westford Land Preservation Foundation - EBC. Prize includes lodging only. Discount travel arrangements have been donated by ClassicTravel of Westford.

Please view the flyer hanging in the mailroom for more details.

WE SHOULD TALK

by Richard Diaz

Many of us are facing conditions common to advanced age. Others must cope with conditions that are progressive in character. Some deal with the bureaucracy of Medicare, Veterans Affairs or Insurance Companies, with different levels of success or failure. Transportation and special needs are also issues for some. There are those who are lucky to have had success with doctors and those who have not.

We, here at the Village, are fortunate to have a facility to share our successes and failures. We call it the Clubhouse. We should exchange these experiences in an organized way. We could call it a "Support Group" or "Data Resource Exchange". Who among us is willing to step to the plate and organize this initiative?

Good information is a terrible thing to waste.

FLOWERS OF WINTER

by Lois Frampton

If by February you have a bad case of winter blahs, the recommended treatment is a trip to Tower Hill Botanic Garden to see their wonderful under glass garden. If you go between February 4th and 6th you can also see the flower arrangements done for Flora in Winter. This year's theme is an arrangement done to illustrate a poem of the arranger's choice. Flora in Winter is a joint event with the Worcester Art Museum where I will be arranging for "A Smiling Young Man Squeezing Grapes". The arrangement will be a challenge; the smiling young man has obviously been imbibing the product of the grapes. See www.TowerHillBG.org and www.WorcesterArt.org for details and directions.



IN PERSPECTIVE

Contributed by Louise O'Donnell

Everything is relative. The following e-mail I recently received provides fuel for thought.

Think a gallon of gas is expensive?

This makes one think, and also puts things in perspective.

- Diet Snapple - 16 oz \$ 1.29 = \$ 10.32 per gallon
- Lipton Iced Tea - 16 oz \$ 1.19 = \$ 9.52 per gallon
- Gatorade - 20 oz \$ 1.59 = \$ 10.17 per gallon
- Ocean Spray - 16 oz \$ 1.24 = \$ 10.00 per gallon
- Brake Fluid - 12 oz \$ 3.15 = \$ 33.60 per gallon
- Vick's Nyquil - 6 oz \$ 8.35 = \$178.13 per gallon
- Pepto Bismol - 14 oz \$ 3.85 = \$ 123.20 per gallon
- Whiteout - 7 oz \$ 1.39 = \$ 25.42 per gallon
- Scope - 1.5 oz \$ 0.99 = \$ 84.48 per gallon

And this is the real kicker...

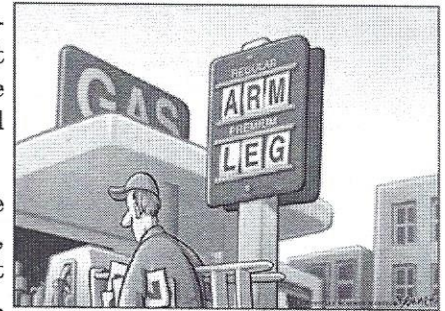
- Evian Water - 9 oz \$1.49 = \$ 21.19 per gallon

\$21.19 for water -- and the buyers don't even know the source. (Evian spelled backwards is Naive.)

So, the next time you're at the pump, be glad your car doesn't run on water, Scope,

or Whiteout, or God forbid Pepto Bismol or Nyquil.

Happy driving!



SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday February 2, 9, 16, 23 - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Knit, Stitch & *Itch

Thursday February 3rd - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Monthly Business Meeting

Sunday February 6th - 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Super Bowl Sunday Supper

Friday February 11th - 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Canasta Club

Saturday February 19th - 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Wine Tasting

Monday February 21st - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Board of Trustees "Open Meeting"

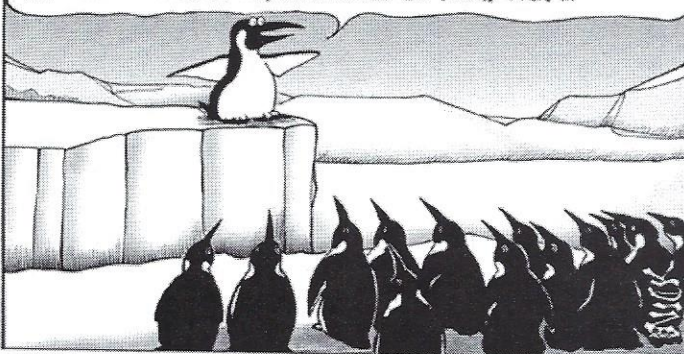
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LOOK AROUND YOU — IT'S SO OBVIOUS, YET IT'S BEEN RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES ALL THIS TIME AND WE NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF IT! ICE...! YES, THAT'S RIGHT... ICE...! OUR UNLIMITED NATURAL RESOURCE...! SAY AFTER ME: "OUR UNLIMITED NATURAL RESOURCE..." VERY GOOD!! NOW IF WE CAN ONLY WORK OUT WHO TO SELL IT TO, WE CAN ALL BE FILTHY RICH!!!



Penguin motivational speakers.



Simply Social... *By Donna Hudon*

Brrrr- welcome winter, but just think, Spring is just 48 days away!

If you've been exercising, you have seen the "New addition" in the health club! Many thanks to Armand and Joan Francoeur for donating the TV and platform stand. Also, thanks to Nick Johnson, Larry Anzivino, Harry O'Donnell and Ron Caterino for their help with the set-up and installation.



I hope to have the marquis for the Clubhouse entrance sometime this month. It will have the date and time of the private function in progress.

Also, there will be a monthly calendar posted on the Bulletin Board with the scheduled, weekly activities, along with the name and phone number of the contact person. This will give our neighbors the opportunity to inquire about a specific activity and perhaps join the group.

February 6th is the date for the Super Bowl Party at the Clubhouse. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Once again, our New England Patriots are competing for the championship. (2nd year in a row!)

The "Traveling Vineyard" will be here on Saturday evening February 19th for a wine tasting and also to demonstrate and make available an assortment of wine accessories and gifts. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

We'll be having our 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast March 13th. Last year, everyone signed up to bring a specific food product and Lois Frampton, along with several of our gentlemen residents, served up pancakes, bacon, juice and coffee! Further information will be posted.

Stay warm and enjoy your day!

Next Social Committee meeting: Wednesday February 2nd 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse Library.



CLUBHOUSE BOOKINGS

February	2nd - 9th - 16th & 23rd	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
February	3rd	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
February	11th	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
February	19th	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
February	21st	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
February	27th	TBA
March	3rd	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
March	11th	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
March	13th	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
March	21st	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

For bookings of the Clubhouse, please call the Property Management at 603-891-1800

THE LAST WORD - Hello Daddy!

(((RING))) ...**Pick Up**

"Hello?" "Hi honey, this is Daddy, is Mommy near the phone?"

"No Daddy, she's upstairs in the bedroom with Uncle Frank"

After a brief pause, Daddy says, "But honey, you haven't got an Uncle Frank"

"Oh yes I do, and he's upstairs in the room with Mommy, right now"

Brief Pause

"Uh, okay then, ...this is what I want you to do. Put the phone down on the table, run upstairs and knock on the bedroom door, and shout to Mommy that Daddy's car just pulled into the driveway"

"Okay Daddy, just a minute"

A few minutes later the little girl comes back to the phone "I did it Daddy"

"And what happened honey?" he asked

"Well, Mommy got all scared, jumped out of bed with no clothes on and ran around screaming. Then she tripped over the rug, hit her head on the dresser and now she isn't moving at all!"

"Oh my God!!! What about your Uncle Frank?"

"He jumped out of the bed with no clothes on too. He was all scared and he jumped out of the back window and into the swimming pool. But I guess he didn't know that you took out the water last week to clean it, he hit the bottom of the pool and I think he's dead"

Long Pause

Longer Pause

Then Daddy says, "Swimming pool??"

Is this 555-7039?????

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