



Quarry Bulletin

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A NEW TEAM IN THE VILLAGE

It takes great teamwork to produce a quality product, and this idea is at the heart of Evergreen Management Inc.'s (EMI) business model. The four members of our team are ready to give us excellent service and to be responsive to the unique needs of our community. The Board of Trustees is committed to working closely with them to make the transition period go smoothly and to help all residents get used to some slightly different protocols and procedures.

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Trustees sign contract with Evergreen Property Management. Left to right: Steve Currier, Dorothy Moran, Peter Abate, Ruth Coleman, EMI President Tom Ducharme, and David Auld.

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One major difference is that each condo owner will receive a monthly statement from EMI either electronically to an email address or by first class mail. The Trustees strongly encourage each homeowner to enroll in ACH and have condo fees deducted automatically, but a statement will be issued regardless of payment style. This way our financial coordinator, Rose King, can address any questions you may have about your account quickly. (rking@evergreenmgt.com)

Another team member, Sarah Carr, (scar@evergreenmgt.com), will handle your maintenance issues. Linda Cyr (lcyr@evergreenmgt.com) will handle your questions about landscaping, clubhouse rentals, and the website. Any member of the team can be reached also by phone (800-973-4300) if you prefer. As noted in Trustee Dorothy Moran's email blast, a copy of the email sent to the appropriate Village Committee Chairs will keep them in the loop and help them work efficiently with EMI.

The EMI website (www.evergreenmgt.com) is also going to be an important communication tool. We will continue to maintain our own website (www.villageatstoneridge.com or from a link on the EMI website) for social news, the calendar, and our current links, but as time goes on we hope you will get used to checking the EMI website for important information for all residents and to contact EMI team members. It will be password protected and so will have some information we haven't included on our open website. Residents can access our specific information by using the login and password provided in Dorothy Moran's communication to all homeowners.

We are pleased to welcome Paul Okonak back as our Property Manager. Many of you will remember him. He knows us well and we know we will enjoy working with him once more. Since there is a team concept in place, please direct your first call to the appropriate Coordinator. Paul will always be aware of all that is going on the Village.

Change is always a challenge, but also energizing. We look forward to working with EMI and making VSR an even more effective community.





St. Patrick's Day Party

By Joyce Minosh

On March 16th, about thirty-five “Village people” celebrated St. Patrick’s Day in style. Did you know that the first city in the world to have a St. Patrick’s Day Parade celebration was our own Boston, and that “Erin go Bragh” means Ireland Forever? Those were two of many questions on the after dinner quiz. As luck would have it, the table without an Irishman present won the contest!

The decorations were great – except we’ve been warned – no more little stars on the tables. The keg of “Sam” beer was a hit, and the food, catered by Bianco Catering from right here in Westford, provided a hearty corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings. The homemade soda bread and the luscious Lucky Coconut Cake were a big hit.

The entertainment portion of the evening weathered a change in plans when our genuine Irish emcee, Skip Giles, was sick and unable to attend. Our resident Italian funnyman, who could change his “mamma mia” into a great “Paddy the Irishman” did a creative job filling in. Armed with Irish names for everyone at the party as well as a sing-along to McNamara’s Band and the quiz, Larry Anzivino saved the evening. The mostly Irish participants contributed a multi-versed Irish Toast and did a mighty fine job at it. The drawing for the bottle of Bailey’s Irish Cream went to John Facella, and the folks at the table who won the quiz each received an Irish scratch ticket. It was later reported that Irish luck was smiling down on one recipient who cashed hers in for \$100!

One other thing, did you know that Saint Patrick’s real name was Maewyn Succat? Take that tidbit to your next St. Patrick’s day party!



Elaine Tino (left) and Joyce and Frank Minosh get into the spirit of St. Pat's Day!

BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Dianne Marston

The book chosen for the May 23 meeting is *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. It is a captivating novel based on the story of a young woman who is brought up in foster care. Her early life is defined by abandonment and deprivation. When on her eighteenth birthday Victoria is emancipated, “she has nowhere to go, no resources, no one who cares about her. She ends up sleeping in a public park, tending a garden of pilfered blossoms, and living on her wits. It’s only when a local florist sees Victoria’s special way with flowers that she is given a means to survive. But survival is just the beginning. The more critical question is will Victoria let herself love and be loved?” (*Paula McLain*)

“The story is told in chapters alternating between the present and events that occurred when she was 10 years old. This is when she had her last chance at a family and a normal life. The scars Victoria carries are deep and lasting and the author creates a surprising amount of suspense as you are left to wonder just how she might overcome them.” (*J. Prather*)

Villagers who have read the book enthusiastically recommend it. I hope you might choose to read the book and join us for the discussion. We meet at 1:00 for refreshments and begin the discussion at 1:30. See you there??



Jayne Currier channels her inner Irish.



The cleanup crew begins its work. Left to right, Steve Currier, John Facella, Frank Minosh.



Traditional St. Pat's fare delighted the partiers.

WHO YA GONNA CALL?

Hopefully we have no need for Ghostbusters (any sign of ghostly quarry workers haunting the houses on Stone Ridge?), but here are a few hypothetical issues that might require a call to EMI and a suggestion for the appropriate contact person. All maintenance requests can also be done through the EMI website.

- You want specifications for installing an awning – the EMI or VSR website
- The grinder pump alarm is going off at noon– call EMI telephone number
- The grinder pump alarm is going off at midnight – call EMI telephone number
- A piece of shingle has blown off – Sarah Carr
- You have a question about your condo fee account – Rose King
- You want to rent the clubhouse – Linda Cyr
- The water treatment plant alarm light is on – Sarah Carr
- There are creatures in your attic – Sarah Carr
- A tree has fallen over in your yard – Sarah Carr
- The refrigerator in the clubhouse isn't working – Sarah Carr
- An irrigation head is squirting – Linda Cyr
- You wonder when your deck will be stained – Sarah Carr
- There is damage from snowplowing – Linda Cyr
- You want to set up ACH for your condo payment – Rose King
- You are selling your unit – www.homewisedocs.com
- Your roof leaks – Sarah Carr



Recently about 20 Villagers attended a spectacular organ concert featuring the “Mighty Wurlitzer” shown above. Left to right are Donn and Susan Hill, Judy Premru, Friederike Heiter, Mort Silverman, and Gail Sergenian. There is another concert scheduled for May 19 at the Shanklin Music Hall, Groton.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Linda Anzivino

“Just the knowledge that a good book is awaiting one at the end of a long day makes that day happier.”
Kathleen Norris

A new report titled *Libraries in the Digital Age* from the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life project found that 91% of Americans (16 or older) say that public libraries are important to their communities and 76% say libraries are important to them and their families. Can you think of another idea or issue that 91% of Americans support?!

I recently found this on the Huffington Post website and thought it was interesting.

10 Most Important life Lessons From High School Required Reading

1. Growing Up Isn't Easy (*The Catcher In The Rye*)
2. Money Can't Buy Happiness (*The Great Gatsby*)
3. Every Man Has To Look Out For Himself (*Lord of the Flies*)
4. All's Fair In Love and War (*Romeo and Juliet*)
5. Don't Judge A Book By It's Cover (*Pride and Prejudice*)
6. You Can't Always Trust The Government (*1984*)
7. Intelligence Is Thinking For Yourself (*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*)
8. Wisdom Is Greater Than Physical Strength (*The Odyssey*)
9. The World Isn't Black and White (*To Kill A Mockingbird*)
10. Friendships Don't Always Last (*Of Mice and Men*)



Caught doing good around the Village recently:
Larry Anzivino and Carl Erickson changing bulbs in driveway lights.

PUNOGRAPHY

Submitted by Wendy Wolfberg

- I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

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GROOVY MOVIES

By Gail Sergenian

Shirley Valentine

We just watched this film for the first time since 1989 and enjoyed it all over again. Pauline Collins is delightful as Shirley Valentine, a middle-aged housewife from Liverpool whose sense of identity has been squelched in her marriage to insensitive Joe (a very good Bernard Hill). She is so ignored that her most meaningful conversations are with the wall and other inanimate objects. Everything changes when a friend wins a trip for two to Greece and she accepts an invitation to accompany her.

The friends go their separate ways on Mykonos. Shirley has a brief fling with a Greek tavern owner (Tom Conti), and rediscovers her own voice. She then makes a decision that changes her life.

Collins won a Tony for her performance in the play from which the film was adapted and was nominated for best actress in this film. The play was a one-woman show, with the title character talking about her experiences. It takes a fine actress to handle being the only one on the stage. Collins can do it. She has excelled in various comedic and dramatic roles. We appreciated her in *City of Joy* with Patrick Swayze, and loved her in the current film *The Quartet*.

Have you seen a memorable DVD lately? Please share! I am always ready for a movie.

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

Submitted by Bob Eddy

Live happy in 2013 and consider the following: today is the oldest you've ever been and yet the youngest you'll ever be. So enjoy this day while it lasts and ponder these musings:

- Our kids are becoming us, but our grandchildren are perfect!
- Going out is good. Coming home is better!
- You forget names – but it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!
- The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
- You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep."
- You miss the days when everything worked with just an ON and OFF switch.
- You tend to use more four-letter words – "what?" "when?"
- Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.
- What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- Everybody whispers.
- But old is good in some things: old songs, old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!



Volunteer Spotlight

Editor's Note: From time to time I would like to spotlight folks in our community who do volunteer service outside the Village. I will be asking some that I know to contribute to this column, but if you have an interesting "gig," please let me know. Remember, I also welcome Village Tips!

Ken Hyle and Peter Abate both volunteer assisting seniors in preparing Federal tax returns each year. The program, sponsored by AARP and the IRS runs from February to April. AARP assigns volunteers a location and each day they prepare 4 to 5 returns. Preparers are required to attend a training session during the first week of January and must pass a three-part test. Preparation time is purely volunteer, but mileage to and from the site is reimbursed if the preparer wishes. The service is intended for individuals with income of less than \$60,000, but typically no one is turned down unless their return is complicated by business or rental income. This year Ken was assigned to the Dracut Senior Center and Peter to the Lowell Senior Center. Ken also volunteers at the Cameron Senior Center Food Bank each week as well. Kudos to these busy men for their meaningful volunteer service!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

DATES TO NOTE

April 21 – **Work/Play Day**

April 24 – **Textile Museum Tour**

April 25 – **Rod Stewart**

May 14 – **Quilting Tea**

Chelmsford author, Judy Buswick, will discuss her book on Sally Palmer Field, a notable area quilter

May 27 – **Memorial Day BBQ** with special VSR Chorus presentation

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