



Quarry Bulletin

May - June 2013

A SPRING TRADITION

The chance to save the Village thousands of dollars in maintenance costs and the promise of a delicious cookout at the end of the day brought out over fifty people on a sparkling April day as **Buzz McArdle and Larry Wiederholt**, Property Committee co-chairs, organized and ran a very successful Work/Play Day. Volunteers cleaned the gym and clubhouse, replaced HVAC filters, rejuvenated stone drains, picked up trash and discarded plant material all along the roads and tree lines, painted hand railings and sign posts, stained deck posts, checked exhaust vents and bulkheads for needed maintenance, and pruned the quarry. Thanks to all who worked so hard and to those who put on the bountiful cookout at the end. It was a fun and most productive day!

See more photos inside.



Jean Guthrie, Gail Eddy, and Vicki Rauktys work on trash duty.



Rosalie Johnson cleans gym equipment.

Guess Who's Back?

By Louise O'Donnell

On Thursday, April 25 at the Village clubhouse, Rick Larrimore entertained us again with his inimitable Rod Stewart impersonation. As we entered the main room we saw charming small, round cocktail tables, which lent an intimate nightclub-like atmosphere to the room. After we greeted friends and neighbors and chatted a while, Rod Stewart strode into the room wearing his signature shocking pink jacket and black and white striped pants. When he broke into song we knew what we had come for. He sang most of the songs we were familiar with, and we sang along at times.

As usual, Rick tried to involve as many of the Villagers as he could and soon had thrust a blow-up guitar into Judy Gilmartin's hands. She proved to be a good choice and an eager accompaniment for his antics. Rick then introduced Skip, insisting he was really Bill Clinton. Skip showed his considerable vocal talents by singing a duet with Rick of "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?" Rick also tapped Sharon Erickson for a duet of "Have You Ever Seen the Rain?" Sharon (at right with "Rod")



impressed us all with her vocal talent and stage presence. Rick then asked who in the audience was married the longest. It turned out Doug and Rainy Keele (left) have been married 57 years. By contrast, someone pointed out that the Village newlyweds, Frank Bashore and Louise O'Donnell, have been married just seven months. Rick soon found Dottie Hall's lap and proceeded to thoroughly embarrass her with some unwanted attention. On the other hand, his attention was more than welcomed by Elaine Tino, who was an eager dance partner for "Ole Rod."

Once again Rick's version of Rod Stewart proved to be a huge crowd-pleaser and he had the group up dancing and singing all evening. The finale of the evening was coffee and delicious Italian desserts, cannoli, cookies, and rum cakes. Once again Skip did us proud and everyone had a great time.



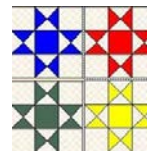
Linda Anzivino, Kathy Abate, and Judy Premru enjoy the afternoon of tea and quilts.

TEA AND QUILTS

About twenty-five ladies recently enjoyed a lovely afternoon sipping tea and munching cookies while they listened to a lively and entertaining lecture by local author, Judy Buswick. Judy spoke about the important role Chelmsford resident, Sally Palmer Field, played in the revival of quilting in the 70's. Many remembered taking classes or visiting Sally's shop in her home in South Chelmsford and loved hearing about her life and seeing slides of her most notable quilts. In addition, some brought their own quilts to show, some made by themselves and others heirlooms passed down in their families. Thanks to Judy Premru and Ruth Coleman for their help in arranging this fun afternoon.



Above: Joyce Minosh, Mary Ellen Tisdale, and Gail Sergenian at the tea party.



Right: Judy Buswick, speaker, and Carlene Craib

BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Dianne Marston

What do you think of when you daydream about summer: the beach, fishing, travel, cookouts? I invite you to spend a few of your “leisure” hours reading. If you do, you might like to pick up one of the books our Book Club is reading. How are our books chosen? At each of our meetings, one person “presents” three book choices and the group chooses one for future discussion. We have picked two books for our summer reading.

On June 27 we will discuss *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. This is a true story that takes place in Afghanistan after the Taliban has seized control. Kamila Sidiqi has become the sole breadwinner for her five siblings. With grit and determination, she creates a thriving business that saves their lives and creates jobs for 100 women.

The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman will be the book for August 8th. The setting of the novel is a tiny remote island off the coast of Western Australia nearly a century ago. The lighthouse keeper and his barren wife’s lives change when a baby miraculously washes up in a rowboat and they decide to raise it as their own. This begins the heart-wrenching moral dilemma with its terrible consequences. Geography, history, mystery, and love all play a part in this book.

Please join us at the clubhouse at 1 p.m. for discussions of these books.

GROOVY MOVIES

By Gail Sergenian
The Untouchables

We thoroughly enjoyed this French film. It is based on the true story of a millionaire quadriplegic Philippe (François Cluzet, from *Tell No One*), who selects an unlikely candidate to be his caretaker. Driss (Omar Sy) is an ex-con from the projects who is really seeking a rejection so he can collect government benefits. Hired for a trial period, Driss moves into the mansion and gradually a deep friendship develops between the two very different men. Driss acquires a sense of responsibility and, in return, helps Philippe rediscover his joie de vivre.

What makes *The Untouchables* irresistible is the superb acting of the two stars. Sy won a Cesar, the French Oscar, for his charismatic performance, and Cluzet’s portrayal is nuanced and perceptive. The relationship between the two men is a delight to watch: touching one moment, hijinks the next, but always full of humanity. This film made us laugh and cry.

Look for the American remake sometime in the future. The Weinstein Company, which distributed it in America, has purchased the rights.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kudos are in order for some members of our community. Congratulate them when you see them!



The Board of Directors of the International Business Brokers Association has awarded **Barbara West** “Honorary Member of the International Business Brokers Association” status in recognition of her work, efforts and behind the scenes participation in the founding of the IBBA. Honorary Member Status is conferred for significant contributions and outstanding service to the Association or to the advancement of the industry. This was a recognition that the Board felt Barbara richly deserved and is the very first and so far only such bestowment by the IBBA board.



Herb Shanzer and **Frank Minosh** recently were granted Bronze Life Masters status in competitive contract bridge. To become Life Masters they each accumulated 300 master points including 50 silver points (won at sectional tournaments) and 50 gold and/or red points (won at regional and national tournaments). The rest, black points, were won at local games. The next step is Silver Life Master, which requires 1000 points. Both have close to 800 points and so are about 80% of the way there.

MEMORIAL DAY IN THE VILLAGE



Once again the VSR Chorus made our Memorial Day celebration meaningful and memorable with their inspiring patriotic numbers. Wendy Wolfberg's soaring solo thrilled us all. Thanks to all the participants and especially Donn and Susan Hill and Ruth Ann Dillon for their leadership.

2013 IRRIGATION SPRINKLER REPAIR PROCEDURES

Doug Craib and Bob Eddy, Co-Chairmen, Sprinkler Sub-Committee

The three wells that furnish water to the Village sprinkler system were activated for the season on 29 April. Again this year, the sprinklers for each zone will be on longer and will run every other day. According to the experts, this is better for the turf.

The Irrigation Sub-Committee has established some procedures to deal with the damage and failures that occur within a system of this size and complexity.

- Residents should report all problems with the irrigation system to **Sarah Carr at Evergreen Management, Inc.** The preferred method of reporting problems is by email at scarr@evergreenmgt.com. You can also report by telephone to (800) 973-4300 or (603) 622-7000. If you call after normal working hours please do not request that the answering service page a repairman unless there is an emergency such as a broken sprinkler pipe that is gushing or a major leak.
- Evergreen will refer all sprinkler problems to the Irrigation Sub-Committee who will evaluate the situation, correct it if they can, refer it to Morin's Landscaping for repair, or place it on a repair backlog list for future correction as funds become available. Items given to Morin's for repair will normally be corrected during Morin's weekly maintenance visit.
- Evergreen will provide feedback to the resident as to the corrective action taken.

Please help us maintain this complex system by adhering to the above procedures.



Ruth Ann Dillon, Barbara Tobiason, Dianne Marston, Paula Townsend, Ruth Coleman, and Wendy Wolfberg lift their voices in a stirring patriotic song at the Memorial Day BBQ.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

There are volunteers and then there is **Judy Culver**. After serving the Town of Westford for thirty-one years Judy decided to “retire.” She first ran for School Committee in 1982 and served for ten years. Moving from there to the Finance Committee, she kept track of Westford’s pennies until 2007 when she ran again for the School Committee. David Keele, chair of the current School Committee, (and son of our own Doug Keele who served with Judy on the School Committee

during her first stint!) said of this dedicated public servant, “If all the towns had a handful of Judy Culvers that commit their lives to volunteering and commit their lives to going the extra mile, we would all be better people. And I do know this – Westford is a better place because of you.” Congratulations, Judy, on your exceptional service to Westford. We look forward to seeing you at more of our activities now that you have more time.



PAINT AVAILABILITY

We are pleased to announce that the community will now supply paint for **touch-up work** around your home. The paint is to be used exclusively by homeowners and only to be applied where it is specified. No vinyl trim or Azek boards should ever be painted. To obtain paint, please contact either Larry Wiederholt (lwiederh@gmail.com) or Buzz McArdle (buzzmca@gmail.com) via email. He will meet you at the clubhouse and sign you out and back in for the paint. Any paint not returned will be charged to the homeowner at \$50.00 per gallon. No supplies such as thinner, brushes, rags will be issued. This policy is for touch-up work only and for painting your front door, one coat.

The following 5 paints are the specified paints for VSR:

- California Paints, White Titanium – use for front and rear door trim and wood handrails
- Rustoleum, Smoke Grey – Bulkheads
- Behr, Red Tint Stain – Front porch deck
- Behr, Brown Tint Stain – Rear porch deck
- Benjamin Moore, “Mooreglow” sheen, “Essex Green” - Front Door

A WORK/PLAY DAY PHOTO GALLERY



Carl Erickson and George Heiter make plans with Property Committee co-chair, Buzz McArdle.



Tom West clears brush in the quarry.



Ed Kern, left, cleans up the quarry area. Susan Neyman and Jean Einarson, right, work on trash patrol.



Social Committee members Ruth Coleman, Loretta Auld, Kathy Abate, and Judy Premru inventory and organize seasonal decorations.



Property co-chair Larry Wiederholt discusses work with Dick Coleman.



Residents hard at work and play on Work/Play Day. Above, Ken Hyle and Bill Townsend team up to remove screens from the attic. Above middle, Tom West and Edythe Salzman enjoy the cookout following the work. Above right, Judy Gilmartin, Clara Currier, and Charlotte Demetri pick up litter from the entrance way.

Notes from the Board of Trustees


By David Auld, President of the Board

Our Master insurance policy carries a \$2500 deductible regardless of whether one or several units are damaged. Therefore, your HO6 policy should carry dwelling insurance to cover at least the cost of the deductible. \$10,000 in dwelling insurance will have its own deductible, often \$500. I recently found a \$250 deductible was available for little more than what I was paying for the \$500 deductible.

Each year the Board offers winter hints in the *Quarry Bulletin* and on our VSR website and sends them to unit owners in our annual letter packages. I am repeating one section of them below because the ones related to water are important at any time of the year.

If you leave your unit seasonally, or for any extended period of time:

- **WATER:** It is wise to turn off the water at the main valve while you are gone. At the same time, the hot water tank temperature setting can be reduced to its lowest level to avoid possible overheating. When you return, reset the temperature and slowly turn the water back on while listening for any running water, for this may indicate a rupture or leak occurred while you were absent, and a flood will be avoided.
- **HEAT:** It is crucial that you maintain the thermostat setting in your unit above 60 degrees Fahrenheit at all times. While it is important to save energy, many times the reduced heat is low enough to freeze a pipe or fire sprinkler just enough to cause a rupture. The cost of a few dollars in an energy bill in the hard winter months is a sound investment when compared to a flooded unit.
- You should leave your bathroom vanity doors open while you're away, to allow heat to keep the sink pipes warm, especially if the sink is on an outside wall.

<p>CLOSER TO YOU: A LIVE TRIBUTE</p>  <p>Artwork by - Nancy Given</p> <p>A Carpenters fan since 1970, Judy presents their timeless songs and her personal recollections of their impact on her life to make for a concert presentation that is not an impersonation nor an impression, but a tribute in the truest sense of the word.</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">COMING TO VSR</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER 21, 2013</h3> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Judy Pancoast</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Grammy Nominee “Best Children's Album” 2011 Contributor on “All About Bullies, Big and Small” Grammy Winner 2012</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Skip Giles Production</p>
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Editor’s Note

Below you see the upcoming events our Social Committee has planned. As a member of the Committee, I can attest to the amount of work entailed in putting on these wonderful, fun parties. Won't you consider joining the Committee and lending a hand? “Many hands . . .” as the old saying goes. They meet on the 2nd Monday of each month for an hour and in that time accomplish an amazing amount! Email Joyce Minosh at (westfordconnect@aol.com) if you would like to be a part of this fun Committee.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">SOCIAL DATES</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0;">July 4 – Independence Day BBQ September 2 – Labor Day Cookout September 21 – Carpenters Tribute October 5 – Chowder Challenge</p>
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