



Quarry Bulletin

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NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES BEGINS ITS WORK

Pictured above is the new team of leaders for VSR. Clockwise from top left are: Tom Sangiolo, Buzz McArdle, Peter Abate, Larry Tobiason, and Sandy Kelly. The community congratulates them and extends our sincerest thanks to past members David Auld and Dorothy Moran for their expertise and gift of time. The new board has elected officers and chosen liaison positions within our community as follows:

President: Larry Tobiason

Vice President: Tom Sangiolo

Treasurer: Peter Abate

Secretary: Sandy Kelly

Trustee: Buzz McArdle

Liaison to the Legal Committee

Liaison to the Architectural Standards
and Water and Sewer Committees

Liaison to the Finance Committee

Liaison to the Social and
Communications Committees

Liaison to the Property and
Clubhouse Committees

REMEMBER LAST WINTER?

By Buzz McArdle



It's hard to forget the eleven feet of snow we had in 2015. In many cases, the yards had more than four feet of snow covering furnace and water heater vents. Luckily, we had a few volunteers who shoveled out these vents to prevent furnaces from shutting down. Unfortunately, we will not have any shovelers available for vents this coming winter. So if your furnace vents and water heater vents are less than four feet off the ground, as most are, then you need to take corrective action before snow flies.

You may contact a plumber /HVAC contractor of your choice and hire him to extend your furnace exhaust and intake as well as your water heater exhaust. Please remember that these pipes must be a minimum of 3 feet and a maximum of 6 feet from the ground. Your plumber will be best able to determine the correct height for your location.

Also we will have available the yellow stickers required for locating these pipes in the winter. These stickers must be located seven feet above the ground directly over the exhausts.

We are sorry for any inconvenience, but would also like to reiterate that you should have these vents extended if they are less than four feet and could get covered with snow. Because they are part of the internal plumbing system of your house the homeowner is responsible for the cost. Once again, we will not have any shovelers available this winter to shovel out exhaust vents. Of course, you can hire someone to shovel out your vents at your cost.

Let it snow, let it snow!



BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Dianne Marston

The VSR Book Club met on October 1 to discuss *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*. All those present appreciated a thoughtful discussion.

The next meeting will be held on November 12. We will discuss *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure. Here is a description of the book: “In 1942 Paris, gifted architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money – and maybe get him killed. But if he’s clever enough, he’ll avoid any trouble. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won’t find it. He sorely needs the money, and outwitting the Nazis who have occupied his beloved city is a challenge he can’t resist. But when one of his hiding spaces fails horribly, and the problem of where to hide a Jew becomes terribly personal, Lucien can no longer ignore what’s at stake. *The Paris Architect* asks us to consider what we owe each other, and just how far we’ll go to make things right. Written by an architect whose knowledge imbues every page, this story becomes more gripping with every soul hidden and every life saved.”

On December 17 we will have a meeting that will focus on the writings of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Many of you remember her as an American writer noted as the author of the *Little House on the Prairie* books based on her childhood in a settler family from 1932-1943. During the 1970s and early 1980s, the television series *Little House on the Prairie* was loosely based on Wilder’s *Little House* books. Villager Judy Culver, who has recently visited the Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home and Museum in Mansfield, Missouri, will lead the discussion and share with us some of her enthusiasm and insights. Come join us as we look back on this nostalgic period. Read or re-read any of her children’s novels or her autobiography, *Pioneer Girl*.

We meet at 1:00 p.m. for refreshments and socializing, followed by the discussion at 1:30. All are welcome!



The outgoing Board of Trustee members pose for a last picture. Thanks, Dorothy Moran (second from left) and Dave Auld (second from right).

VSR Master Policy and HO6 Condo Insurance

By Dave Auld

The Village has replacement type insurance that will cover damage to a unit caused by fire, water, wind, etc. We have been pro-active in keeping the assigned value of our Village current with our insurance vendors to protect homeowners' investments. The Association's policy will extend to cover improvements made by owners to their units to the same extent that they would be covered if they were an original part of the unit. **However, it is incumbent on the Unit Owner to notify the Trustees in writing of all such improvements for incorporation into the Unit Owner's file that is held by the Association in the clubhouse office. A**

copy of the invoice of the completed work is proof to the insurance company that the work has been done. New owners should verify that the Unit Owner's file accurately reflects the improvements to the unit.

Since our Master policy has a \$5000 deductible we ask condo unit owners to have at least \$5000 of dwelling insurance. \$10,000 dwelling insurance is often part of a basic HO6 policy, but you should ask if your policy has this type of coverage and what the amount is. You might also inquire about the cost difference between a \$500 and \$250 deductible for dwelling insurance in the HO6 policy. I found the difference was relatively small. In 2009 the Board of Trustees passed a policy related to stains caused by damage from roof leaks. The Board agreed to reimburse homeowners for completion of repairs up to the amount of their insurance deductible not to exceed \$250. Unit owners must have HO6 insurance that covers their furniture and personal belongings. Our policy will not cover such items. A good way to determine how much of that coverage you need is to go room by room and ask what it would cost to replace the contents of the room. The unit owner should also consider loss of use coverage that would pay for costs related to having to be out of the unit during a reconstruction time. A unit owner who has a significant loss should contact their HO6 insurance agent and let Evergreen Management, EMI, know the damage that has occurred. Usually the condo's insurance agent will want to see our Master Deed and policy. EMI can furnish these documents. If the building damage is greater than \$5000, the unit owner's HO6 insurance would pay for the \$5000 Master Policy deductible. The insurance company of the Unit Owner and our insurance company would work out the details.



Outgoing Board of Trustees President, Dave Auld, addresses the Annual Meeting.

THIS AND THAT

A Thumbnail Movie Review That Crossed My Desk

I just saw the new Meryl Streep movie, *Ricki and the Flash*, and absolutely loved it! She is just amazing as is her daughter who is also in it. There is lots of rock music and I enjoyed the story as well as Rick Springfield. I highly recommend this movie with an upbeat ending and Kevin Kline to boot. The music may be overwhelming for some, but it made me just want to get up and dance. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did. From Barbara Leary

Help Wanted: Co-Chair for the Property Committee

Due to the election of Buzz McArdle to the Board of Trustees, we have an opening for a co-chair of the eight-member Property Committee to serve with Nick Johnson, Co-chair. Experience with building/property maintenance is desired but not mandatory. Computer expertise with knowledge of Word and Excel spreadsheets is needed for budgeting purposes. Please contact any member of the board if you can serve.



Fourteen VSR hikers and adventurers traveled to Italy recently with Joyce Minosh as their guide extraordinaire. Pictured here against the backdrop of the beautiful Cinque Terre are, left to right: Larry Wiederholt, Bill Townsend, Edythe Salzman, Frank Bashore and Louise O'Donnell, Doug and Carlene Craib, Barbara Leary, Nancy Sharpe, Ruth and Dick Coleman, Joyce Minosh, and Terry and Jack Bilodeau.

LABOR DAY COOKOUT



By Kathy Abate

The Labor Day Cookout was held on Monday, September 7th. Fifty- five people attended the festivities. It was a hot and humid day so all were glad of the air-conditioned clubhouse. Boston Chicken catered the cookout, and the menu included barbecued chicken and ribs, corn bread, and many wonderful side dishes. The desserts were outstanding as always. A 50/50 was held and won by Nick Johnson who has bought many raffle tickets over the years but has never won. Congratulations Nick! There was much socializing and everyone seemed to enjoy the menu and the camaraderie of being with neighbors and friends.

2nd VSR Golf Outing A Huge Success

By Buzz McArdle

The Men's VSR division of The Bad Golfers Association (BGA) held its annual best ball scramble September 17. This year the tournament, attended by 19 players, was held at Green Meadow Golf Course in Hudson, NH. The changes to this year's event included outside guests, trophies, and moving the outing to September. The weather was perfect, and the tournament was followed by a trophy ceremony at the clubhouse with a fried chicken dinner, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, biscuits, and Jack Bilodeau's famous baked beans.



Trophies and cash prizes (scratch tickets) were awarded for 1st place to Jack Gilmartin, Buzz McArdle, and Terry Langley. The closest to the pin winner was Rick Culver, and the longest drive trophy was given to Buzz McArdle. An award was also given to the last place-finishing team who shall remain nameless, but they promised to display the BGA trophy at a member's home for one year.

Next year's event is scheduled for mid-September again, and we hope to make the event bigger with outside guests, more VSR players, and bigger prizes. As always there will be plenty of beer, bragging, crying, ribbing, and lots of laughs.

Socially Speaking...

By Sandy Kelly

Watch for the signup! Our *Holiday Social* will be held on December 5th so save the date. Last year this event was a sell out and **advance tickets** must be purchased to cover expenses. Our caterer will again be Feastivities and the menu will include hand served, hearty appetizers. Information about ticket sales will be posted on the bulletin board in the mailroom.



The Social Committee meets on the second Monday of the month. We would love to have some new members to join in the planning. We are always open to new ideas, events and contacts. Many hands make light work and your help setting up coffee or Happy Hours, maintaining our supplies inventory, helping with clubhouse decorating is all very much appreciated. So, even if you can only attend meetings occasionally, join us – the more the merrier! Contact Clara Currier to be added to our email list.



Did you know that there are favorite Village recipes on our website at <http://villageatstoneridge.com>? As the cooler weather arrives we are always looking for new ideas for dinner and guests. Please share your own personal favorites by emailing them to Harriet Shanzer.



Those wishing to reserve the **clubhouse for personal use** should contact Linda Cyr at Evergreen Management at 603-622-7000. Linda will add your event to the calendar. Additionally, you must submit to her the rental form under the “Calendar” link on the Village website <http://villageatstoneridge.com>. The Management Company will make final confirmation. Reservations for Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving may only be submitted 6 months in advance. If you do not receive a confirmation please call EMI to be sure your event has been posted to the calendar. The Social Committee oversees all other clubhouse events. These events are those that are open to all members of the Village. If you have a question or event to propose contact Sandy Kelly who will add it to the Social Committee agenda.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE DATES TO REMEMBER.

October 17 –
International
Potluck – Sign up
on Bulletin Board



Bus Tour of Westford

One of our most memorable events was a bus ride around Westford led by Ellen Harde. She pointed out the recreation and conservation spots around town and highlighted many interesting events in our town's history. Ellen is leading a similar bus tour sponsored by Roudenbush on Saturday, October 17th from 1-2:30. Call Roudenbush at 978-692-5511 to register.

November 11 – Johnny Cash Tribute Concert - SOLD OUT!

November 22 – *Once Upon A Mattress* at Corey Auditorium, Carlisle, \$20 for group tickets Sign up in clubhouse.

December 5 –
Holiday Party

December 15 –
Caroling

January 1 – Champagne New Year's Brunch



THANKS



Thanks go out to our outgoing Board of Trustees members, Dorothy Moran and Dave Auld, for their many years of service to the Village.

Our appreciation also goes to Buzz McArdle for his work as Property Committee Chair, a huge job he has done well and with a smile on his face!

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