



the Village at Stone Ridge

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VSR INSURANCE POLICY

by Bill Nussbum

Last September the Board of Trustees authorized the creation of an Insurance Committee to assess the continual rise in insurance premiums over the past ten years, with the hope of at least stabilizing the rates for 2018-2019. The Committee consisted of Bill Nussbum, Chair, David Auld, Tom Barry, George Heiter, Bill Townsend, and Joe Rorke.

The analysis was conducted over several months, and after many interviews with potential insurance brokers, a decision was made by the committee to narrow the applicants to two sources and enter final negotiations with them. A final determination resulted, with Greater New York Insurance Company being the choice of the Committee.

In 2017-2018 our total premium was \$63,402. In 2018-2019 our total premium will be \$57,193, a reduction of \$6,209 dollars. We were also able to achieve additional coverage on our Master Policy. For example, our Umbrella Policy increased from 3 million to 15 million dollars, which is included in this premium.

The Board of Trustees has approved a change in the deductible in our Master Policy from \$5,000 to \$10,000 dollars, which is in line with the vast majority of other condominium associations in New England. The Unit Owners will shortly be receiving a letter suggesting that they contact their broker to reflect this change in their HO6 policy. The new policy goes into effect on March 29, 2018.

The Agony of Defeat



Thirty plus enthusiastic Villagers gathered at the clubhouse on Super Bowl Sunday to watch the Patriots & Eagles square off in the 52nd annual contest. Unfortunately, this year unlike last year, the Pat's could not pull off another miracle comeback. They lost to the Eagles 41 - 33. Despite the loss on the football field, we had some winners on the football pools. The lucky winners were: Frank Bashore, Rick Culver, Jerry Hall and Peter Abate.

As usual there was lots of great food to pick at throughout the evening. Everyone brought a dish to share and a beverage to enjoy during the game. Great food and great people helped ease the disappointment of the loss. *—Paul Currier*

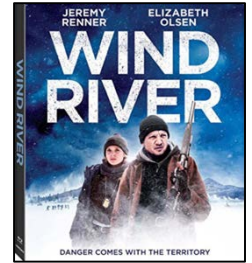


GROOVY MOVIES

by Gail Sergenian

WIND RIVER is a gripping thriller that is beautifully filmed with excellent acting and direction, smart dialogue and an important message. Thanks to those of you from the village who recommended it!

We learn right away that something terrible happened to a young Native American woman who was running for her life in starkly beautiful, frigid surroundings until her lungs gave out and she died. It is not until the credits that we learn the shocking truth of how frequently these women are the victims of violence.



Jeremy Renner plays an agent with the Fish and Wildlife Service who is very familiar with every area within the Wyoming territory he covers. He grew up here and married a Native American, with whom he had two children. Their daughter died from an attack similar to the one at the heart of the film. We discover that he is a very patient, caring dad to his young son, treats his ex-wife with respect, and is good at his job.

The dead woman was found on the Wind River Reservation, requiring that the tribal police and feds investigate. The investigator is played by Elizabeth Olsen (sister of the famous twins). She is young and inexperienced but very smart. She and Renner work well together.

The sweeping vistas are almost another character. The filming was done in Utah and is gorgeous. I have been to Zion National Park, but this is another kind of beauty. There are some sensitive moments in the film, but also brutality, including sexual assault. It is difficult to get past the violence, but I was glad I did, as this is a very fine film.

The Helping Hands Among Us...

by Sandy Kelly

Much can be positively said about volunteerism at VSR, including the quiet, unsung group called *Helping Hands*. Often in the face of adversity someone among us could provide a ride to an appointment, pick up a prescription, groceries, or the mail, bring a bite to eat or just to drop in and say hello. A simple Get Well card might brighten a bad day.

Years ago, under the thoughtful guidance of past resident Ann Sullivan, along with Judy Premru, Joan Roy and now Louise Tahmoush, a Helping Hands group was organized at VSR. As former health care professionals, these ladies understood confidentiality, an individual's desire for privacy and also that people are uncomfortable asking for help. We all respond differently when in need but the truth is, when you are not well people *really* do want to help you. The residents of our Village are among those altruistic folks who are truly caring and there is a long list of people who would reach out. If you could use a hand, please ask a friend, neighbor or family member to call Judy or Louise. If you need something beyond the scope of neighborly gestures, they may also be able to refer you to someone who can help you from local resources.

We will be updating our database of "Helping Hands" with a new sign-up sheet in the mailroom. You can sign up to drive to an appointment, run an errand, provide a meal, visit for a while. If you have signed up in the past we will keep your name on the list unless you advise us that you want to be removed. Contact Sandy Kelly.

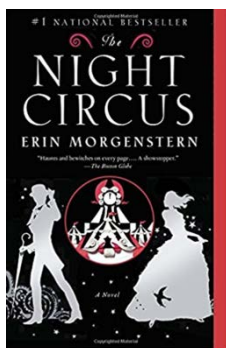
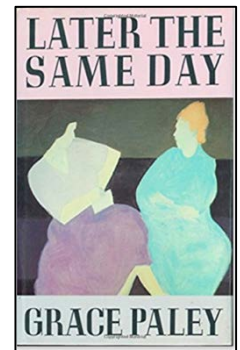
BOOK CLUB NEWS

by Dianne Marston

Our next meeting will be on March 8, at which time we will be discussing some short stories from the book, *Later the Same Day* by Grace Paley. The discussion leader has suggested that we discuss the first and last of the stories in the book.

"In the 17 short stories collected here, Paley writes with verbal economy and resonance, pithy insights, and warmth and humor. The themes are familiar: friendship, commitment, responsibility, love, political idealism and activism, children, the nuclear shadow." [Publishers Weekly]

"Throughout the collection, neighbors learn to listen to each other, husbands and lovers learn to hear women, women who are longtime friends and political allies validate each other's lives, and strangers tell stories that need to be heard." [Suzanne Sowinska]



Our April 19 discussion will be about the book, *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern.

"The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience full of breathtaking amazements. It is called *Le Cirque des Rêves*,

But behind the scenes, a fierce competition is underway: a duel between two young magicians, Celia and Marco, who have been trained since childhood expressly for this purpose by their mercurial instructors. Unbeknownst to them both, this is a game in which only one can be left standing. Despite the high stakes, Celia and Marco soon tumble headfirst into love, setting off a domino effect of dangerous consequences, and leaving the lives of everyone, from the performers to the patrons, hanging in the balance." [from the book cover]

"*The Night Circus* is the real deal, the kind of novel that will appeal to romantics, history buffs, circus aficionados, mystery fans, and lovers of a good story... Steeped in circus lore, filled with evocative scenes of magic and illusion, enriched by characters as varied as the clockmaker who crafted the circus's iconic timepiece . . . *The Night Circus* is worth staying up for." —Bookreporter

All Villagers are welcome to join us. We enjoy refreshments and socializing at 1:00 and begin our discussion at 1:30.

Social Committee Suggestion Box

by Debbie Rorke and Stephanie Tocci

Is there an event you wish we would plan? Were there events held in the past you would like to see done again? Are there events you would like to have eliminated? The VSR Social Committee would like your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions. We have several events already planned for 2018 and, while we cannot fill every request in one year, we are very interested and open to suggestions from fellow Villagers.

If you are interested in helping plan an event, even though you are not on the Social Committee, we'd love to have your participation. We meet the second Monday night at 7 every month in the clubhouse. The suggestion box is located in the clubhouse lobby in the usual place until February 15. Thanks for your input. Here's to another fun-filled year in the Village.



Social Events

Feb 16	7:00 am	Clubhouse Carpet Cleaning
Mar 8	1:00 pm	Book Club discusses <i>Later the Same Day</i> by Grace Paley
Apr 14	6:15pm	Celine Dion & Cher (A Skip Giles Production) Cocktails 6:15, Show@7pm
Apr 19	1:00 pm	Book Club discusses <i>The Night Circus</i> by Erin Morgenstern
May 5		Play Day / Kentucky Derby (Rain date: May 12)
May 28		Memorial Day BBQ
July 4		Ice Cream Social
Oct 20		Progressive Dinner
Dec 8		Holiday Party at Parish Hall
Dec 11		Holiday Caroling
2 nd Mondays	7:00 pm	Social Committee Meetings – Please join us!
Mondays	8:30 am	Aerobics and Weights in the fitness room <i>Everyone Welcome</i>
Tuesdays	9:00 am	Yoga in the fitness room <i>Everyone Welcome</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	Aerobics and Weights in the fitness room <i>Everyone Welcome</i>
Thursdays	9:00 am	Yoga in the fitness room <i>Everyone Welcome</i>

There is a small fee for these classes. For information email Barbara West.

Evergreen Management

Soon you will receive a letter from the Evergreen Harvard Group (EHG) announcing that they have formed a partnership with Associa, the largest management company in the nation. The Board will be following up with Lorie Paquette, our manager, and will continue to be very involved with EHG personnel, working closely to make sure our level of service remains unchanged.

There have been changes made to our VSR *Unit Modifications Specifications* booklet and some changes made to our VSR *Unit Modification Exhibits Forms* booklet. Updated versions are available on the EHG website at <http://www.evergreen-mgt.com/>

For more pictures, see the online website version of the Quarry Bulletin! When submitting pictures for the QB, please include names of those in the pix.

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Above: Cooper hawk, little red sauirrel: below: porcupine sightings at 28 - 32 Stone Ridge area

