

Quarry Bulletin

July - August, 2019



*Summer's almost over and we've had lots of fun,
But once you blink, then again you see, Fall has now begun.*



.... WATER balloon, look out below! ! !



Larry, why is Barbara on the ground?



Thank you, Peg & Scott Martin, for a great Luau Themed Driveway Party



Music. Laughter. Memories

CANDIDATE'S NIGHT – September 4th

This year we have two residents nominated to our Trustee Board who have generously agreed to commit their time if elected. We currently have two three year positions being vacated by President Bill Townsend and Vice President, Carlene Craib. Nominations were accepted until August 15th and all residents are invited to our **Candidate's Night Question & Answer Forum on Wednesday September 4 at 7 pm** in the VSR Clubhouse.

And your Nominees for Board of Trustees are...

Neil Horwitz



I was born and lived most of my life in Brooklyn, New York. I moved to a condo in Westford in January 2014 and then to VSR in June 2018. As you may surmise, as a former New Yorker, I remain a fan of the Yankees and the football Giants, but even with these biases, I still feel that I can serve as Trustee in the best interests of VSR.

In New York, I taught elementary school for seven years before embarking on a legal career. My law practice, which is still active, primarily involves estate planning, but also real estate closings, finances and other matters.

At my previous condo, I served for two years as Vice-President when Joe Rorke was President. When he moved to VSR, I succeeded him as President and served in that position for a year. There we had to deal with issues related to a newly developed condominium association, several litigations and general administration of the 164-unit condominium.

Since becoming a resident of VSR, I served along with Joe as Co-Chairmen of the Water/Sewer Committee. With a system as large and complex as ours, I used my previous condo experience along with the expertise of the other committee members to ensure that it continues to be properly maintained.

I feel that with my background in law, finances and previous experience as a Trustee, I can strengthen the VSR system so that it continues to serve the community smoothly in the years ahead. (Plus, my sister says that I'm a really nice guy, despite being a Yankee fan!)

Joe Rorke



I have been a Westford resident for over forty years. In 2017, I moved into VSR with my wife Debbie, who serves as VSR Social Committee Co-Chair, and our little white dog, Brody. We love living in the Village and are happy our daughter, Courtney, comes to visit us often.

During my first year in the Village I joined the Property Committee where I have fond memories of painting bulkheads and gas pipes with my good friend Phil MacPherson. Currently I serve on the Insurance Committee and am Co-Chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee. I am retired from the newspaper industry after forty years working as a Manager in the Circulation Departments at both the Boston Globe and Boston Herald.

My experience in Condo operations and issues comes after serving three years as President of the Board of Trustees at my last Condo Association. I firmly believe a Trustee's main role is to represent all the homeowners in the Association and to adhere to and enforce the Association's Governing Documents consistently.

Over the years the VSR Board of Trustees and Committees have done an excellent job making VSR a very desirable place to live. I look forward to working with the Board and Committees to continue to maintain the high-quality standards of living here in the Village.

Thank you for your nomination and support.

VSR Annual Meeting ~ September 25th at 7 pm

Election ballots will soon be mailed to every unit owner of record and will list the two candidates for Trustee. The ballot (one per unit) will request voting for two candidates for the three (3) year terms on or before the Annual Meeting, September 25, 2019. All ballots will be collected in the locked voting box, located in the Clubhouse Entry. All will then be delivered to Evergreen Management Inc. for tallying following the Annual Meeting. Extra time is needed since the vote cast by each unit is required to be weighted by the percent interest in VSR of that unit. The candidates receiving the highest number of weighted votes will fill the designated positions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board member or Evergreen Management Group.

With Gratitude ~ Retirees Re-Retiring

Carlene Craib and Bill Townsend will be stepping down from our Board of Trustees after their meeting in September. Both members have been contributing residents since they moved into Stone Ridge during its development. In addition, both Carlene and Bill have served previously on the VSR Trustee Board. As returning Trustees they brought a wide range of experience and institutional knowledge of past policy and decision making. Their efforts have helped keep Stone Ridge operating efficiently and productively while respecting financial commitments and concern for our Villagers.



Thank you, Bill and Carlene,

Upcoming Village Meetings

- Coming on **Wednesday October 2nd at 7 pm** we will welcome members from the Westford Recycling Commission to update residents on the latest changes on town recycling policies and changes. Many of you may know that China no longer accepts our recycling and there has been some difficulty in finding vendors to repurpose our waste, which also reduces Westford's trash tipping fees. Come and learn what we can and can no longer put out in our biweekly pick up.
- **Wednesday November 6th** marks the date for the VSR annual budget presentation. Held each year, our hardworking Finance Committee reviews the past year's spending, next year's budget recommendations and will announce any changes in the 2020 HOA, Homeowner's Association's fees. Clubhouse @ **7pm**
- If you have an interesting idea for a Village Meeting presentation please let any Trustee know and we will try to help make it happen. For inquiry about potential dates please contact [Sandy Kelly](#). Meetings are traditionally held the first Wednesday of the month.
- Also watch for a future "hands on" workshop with Evergreen using the Town Square software app.



What is Town Square and why is it important?

Residents of VSR have been encouraged by Evergreen to sign up online for TownSq, which also has a mobile phone app that you can use. This service was developed to meet three needs for a managed community:

- the need to easily connect with neighbors,
- to securely collaborate with community management teams at EGM and their vendors
- and the need to stay up to date on the latest community happenings.

You can also check your ledger at your leisure by opening the app on your phone, receive instant notifications from Management preventing delays, by you not having to check your email. And, you may instant message your Evergreen Administrator with any questions or concerns.

Ultimately the goal is to use this tool to send important announcements and dates, to take the place of VSR Blast emails so you can keep all this info in one location instead of your email box, and to allow residents to have a place to have online discussions about pertinent VSR topics, seek help or assistance, and to have quick access to the most up to date policies and procedures, regulations, and architectural guidelines.

If you have yet to log on or are unsure how to go about it please contact [Christina Donahue](#) at Evergreen. Once we are all signed up we will plan a hands-on workshop at our clubhouse.



Looking Ahead

Our second annual ***Ladies Movie Night*** will be held on **Thursday September 26th at 7 pm** in our clubhouse. The movie playing is *It's Complicated* and ladies are invited to make it totally 'uncomplicated' wearing comfortable PJs, munching pizza that we didn't have to cook and sipping our own beverage of choice. Cost is \$5/pp at the door and it is requested that you sign up in advance for a head count.



Biergarten

On **Sunday October 6th at 4 pm** we will be sampling German Beer, munching on Brats and Wurst with authentic German sides, appetizers and desserts. Save the date and watch for the signup sheet. This will be a catered event organized by Luise Sandholm and several Social Committee members.

Saturday Pancake Breakfast

Save the date **October 19th** when Jayne Currier and her 'crew' will be working on the line at our clubhouse, serving up freshly flipped pancakes with butter, syrup, hot coffee and all the accoutrements. Watch for the time and signup sheet to be posted.



Ghosts and Witches Beware



Saturday October 26th at 7pm join the festivities as Tink Nussbum and Social Committee Goblins invite you to have a fun evening out with a clubhouse Halloween Party. Use this time to plan your costume and any other frightful ideas.

Notice all of the terrific volunteers? Social Committee invites more of our residents to step up with your own fun ideas to sponsor an event and we will help you find a date, additional help where needed and offer suggestions.

Exercise...who, me?

~submitted by Susan Hill

Many of us find it difficult to stick to some form of exercise, others don't know where to start. Experts say the key to taking up or keeping to any form of physical activity is to have fun. By the end of 2019 over 200 VSR exercise classes will have been shared by our residents. Many participants have commented on gaining greater flexibility, strength, increased range of motion, and well-being. Whatever your age or physical condition exercise can contribute to small, consistent changes to maintain health and fitness over 60.



We have 3 class offerings to help us all “get off the couch” and enjoy getting fit with our village peers.

Chair / Ball Yoga

Content: Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair, or standing using a chair for support. It is appropriate for beginners, adapted to your experience and skillset, as well as experienced yogis. Almost any traditional yoga pose or move can be replicated and altered to accommodate chair yoga.

Requirements: None; no floor work. Grab a chair on your way to class.

Class Times: Tuesdays (1:00 – 2:00 pm)

Fusion

Content: This class is a blend of cardio (to increase your heart rate and improve your cardio vascular system using simple moves), strength (using either free weights, body weight resistance or resistance tubing to build muscle), and stretching (to gain and/or maintain flexibility). Great for all levels as personal modifications can be made easily. Class exercises may vary weekly.

Requirements: None; no floor work.

Class Times: Tuesday evenings (6:15-7:00 pm)

Yoga

Content: There are many benefits from a gentle style of yoga which aim to unite the mind, body, and spirit. Yoga helps with flexibility and realignment, and stretches muscles through holding poses and using breathing techniques. Yoga also helps calm the mind by releasing the days' activities as you concentrate on poses that require you to stretch and bend in standing, sitting, and lying positions. Many people experience a sense of greater well-being after just one class!

Requirements: Students need to bring an exercise mat.

Class Times: Wednesdays and Fridays (9:00 – 10:00 am)



Questions??? Contact [Susan Hill](#)



Summer Fun!



BOOK CLUB NEWS

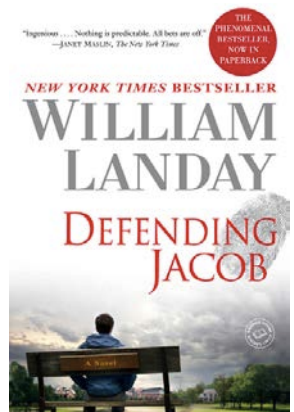
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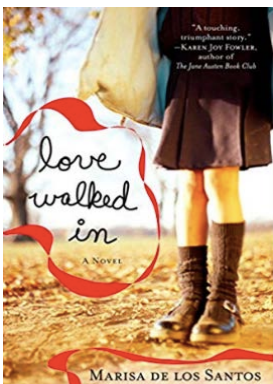
The VSR Book Club has been in existence since the early days of the Village. We now meet every 6 weeks and follow a procedure which gives us continuity. At each meeting 2 volunteers provide refreshments during which time folks can "catch up" with one another. We then go to the library to begin our actual meeting. Another volunteer presents 3 books which she has read to be voted upon by the group. The book chosen will be discussed at the meeting after next, at which time the presenter of the book will lead the discussion. This is followed by the actual discussion of the chosen book for this meeting. We are fortunate to have Sandy Kelly inform the Fletcher Library of our book choices and they import multiple books for our use.

Over the years we have read and discussed 130 books!! We thank Linda Anzivino, our resident librarian, for keeping this list for us. If you would like to view the list, contact [Linda](#) or [me](#) and we can email it to you. If you are interested in attending a meeting, anyone is welcome to attend, whether you have read the book or not.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12. The book to be discussed is *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. "Award-winning author William Landay has written the consummate novel of an embattled family in crisis - a suspenseful, character-driven mystery that is also a spellbinding tale of guilt, betrayal, and the terrifying speed at which our lives can spin out of control. Andy Barber has been an assistant district attorney in his suburban Massachusetts county for more than twenty years. He is respected in his community, tenacious in the courtroom, and happy at home with his wife, Laurie, and son, Jacob. But when a shocking crime shatters their



New England town, Andy is blindsided by what happens next....." [from the book cover]



Love Walked In by Marisa de los Santos is the book chosen for the October 24 meeting. "Two heroines, Clare Hobbes and Cornelia Brown, discover the power of friendship and the meaning of love in this remarkable tale...De los Santo's writing engages throughout this powerful story. It's impossible not to cheer for these characters as they search for happiness. A timeless gem." [Kirkus Review]

We gather in the Clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. for socializing and refreshments. The discussion begins at 1:30 in the Library. All are welcome to join us!



Now that Gail Sergenian has moved to her next act, our *Groovy Movies* column no longer has a contributing writer. If anyone in the Village would like to pick up where Gail left off please contact [Sandy Kelly](#). Or, if you have any suggestions for some new ideas or would like to become a regular contributor, maybe work together on some new ideas, please get in touch.

As the cooler weather does arrive... looking back on summer will help us survive.

Record Turnout for 10th Annual Men's Steak & Ale Night ~submitted by Paul Currier

Forty-Two Village men gathered Wednesday, June 12th, a glorious evening, for their annual steak & ale night. This decade long tradition continues to be a special evening for all. Each year's attendance surpasses the previous year. The weather again was perfect. We took advantage and arranged the patio with tables and chairs to host pre – dinner appetizers with frosty beer. The air was filled with the smell of smoked Kielbasa grilled to perfection by Buzz McArdle. Along with Kielbasa, came large cold shrimp with cocktail sauce. The open - air patio socializing hour is as popular as dinner itself. It's a nice time to catch up with one another. Have a few beers and laugh. Conversations flowed as easily as the beer. The pending Stanley Cup game 7 final was a popular topic. And, the usual discussions about cranky aches, pains, and remedies were freely shared. Burst water pipes and the ongoing anguish with our ever - growing rabbit population were just a few of the other topics thrown around.



Beer continued to be guzzled as the aroma of smoked kielbasa was replaced with thick and juicy steaks grilling. Paul Hamel joined Buzz at the two grills and the steaks were grilled to perfection from rare to well done and to everyone's delight. The buffet table was set with baked potatoes, Bilodeau's baked beans, and Currier's Cole slaw. It was easy pickings to grab your dinner additions and a seat at one of 6 tables set in the great room. Conversations continued quietly as our attention was focused on eating everything on our plate, as we've been taught. Desserts arrived on the buffet table about an hour later. An assortment of delectable pies and cakes were available for those with room for dessert.

While eating dessert, Ken Hyle thanked those who made the event possible. Ron Caterino made a special thank you to Buzz McArdle for his pursuit, purchase and assembly of a new grill. One grill was a castaway, with the new one to replace it. We hope to get many more years of grilling from our new acquisition. Our 50/50 raffle was next on the agenda. Gerry Hall & Ed Kern coordinated selling tickets and drawing winners. Tom Barry's name was first out. He chose to walk away with the cash. Don't worry Tom we won't tell Linda how much you won. Len Halio's name was next drawn. Len received 5 car washes valued at \$90.00. Hold onto the free washes until next fall Len when you return from the Cape.

It takes a team to hold a successful event like this. It could not have occurred without the following contributors.

Planners/coordinators: Ron Caterino, Paul Currier, Ken Hyle	Set up crew: Frank Bashore, Jack Gilmartin, Jerry Hall, Ed Kern
Shrimp preparation: Ron Caterino	Baked potato cooks: Paul Currier, Jerry Hall, Ken Hyle
Currier's Cole slaw: Paul Currier	Bilodeau's beans: Jack Bilodeau, far better than Boston & Bush!
Dessert preparation: Ron Caterino	Masters of the grill: Buzz McArdle, Paul Hamel
Evening's jokester: Jerry Hall (keep practicing Jerry)	Raffle coordinators: Jerry Hall & Ed Kern
Raffle prizes: Ken Hyle	Pick Up table & chair crew – Everyone
Great Room & Library restoration: Paul Currier, Eli Demetri & Jack Gilmartin	Kitchen Cleanup: Peter Abate (special thanks to Peter to handle a job nobody likes but must be done)
Trash & recycle volunteer: Paul Hamel (a big help not lugging bags home)	Thank you & see you next year!

Ladies Night out at Bamboo

~ submitted by Sandy Kelly

Not to be outdone by the annual Men's Steak and Ale Night, thirty-seven lovely Village ladies attended a wonderful Buffet Dinner in a private room at Bamboo Restaurant in Westford. Due to excellent planning, coordinating and organizing by Stephanie Tocci, the food, the service and the fun made for a perfect evening. Wine flowed freely and an occasional colada, marguerita or other wonderful concoctions were being served. Ample appetizers and delicious Asian delights left little room for the surprise going away cake for Gail Sergenian. The evening included a surprise send off for our longtime resident and friend who has moved to Connecticut to be closer to family. A collection had been taken and Gail received a generous Amazon gift card to purchase whatever she wanted.



Best Wishes to Gail Sergenian



The requests to go back again next year started before we even left!

Basque Country Travelers

~ submitted by Sandy Kelly

This past June, a few VSR women participated in a tour of the Basque regions of France and Spain. After spending a few days in wine country around Bordeaux, France they traveled south through a beautiful stop at their own G7 in Biarritz and on to San Sebastian, Spain and ending in Bilbao.

L to R: Pauline Giles, Joyce Minosh, Barbara Leary, Sandy Kelly, Susan Hill, Dianne Marston and Judy Premru at Chateau Franc-Mayne in Saint Emilion, France.



Making Memories...

Check our upcoming events and come on out to make some memories of your own.

Don't be shy, everyone is always welcome.



Wine flowed freely on a June afternoon



at the Bench and Wine Walk through the Village. The new benches clearly passed muster!

Cheers to (L-R) Linda Anzivino, Neil Horwitz, Tina Horwitz, Paul Hamel, Larry Anzi"vino" and Phil MacPherson.



Joe Rorke and Ken Hyle served up prodigious amounts of yum at the Fourth of July Ice Cream Social.

The weather was hot but that didn't stop folks from enjoying the celebration.



Even our feathered friends enjoy the Village life.

Kudos to Dave Auld for paying close attention.

Check the online Calendar for changes and updates

**Upcoming Social Committee Events
at the Clubhouse**

Social Committee Meetings are
2nd Mondays at 7:00 pm
Please join us!

Upcoming Events

Sept 2	3:00 pm	Poker Run
Sept 2	4:00 pm	Happy Hour
Sept 4	7:00 pm	Candidate's Night
Sept 12	1:00 pm	Book Group
Sept 21	7:00 pm	Jimmy Mazz Show
Sept 25	7:00 pm	Annual Meeting
Sept 26	7:00 pm	Ladies Movie Night
Oct 2	7:00 pm	Meeting: Recycling
Oct 6	4:00 pm	Oktoberfest
Oct 19	TBA	Pancake Breakfast
Oct 26	7:00 pm	Halloween Party
Nov 9	TBA	Thanks for Giving

Welcome

*to Nancy Till
to the Village at Stone Ridge.*

HOME
Sweet
HOME

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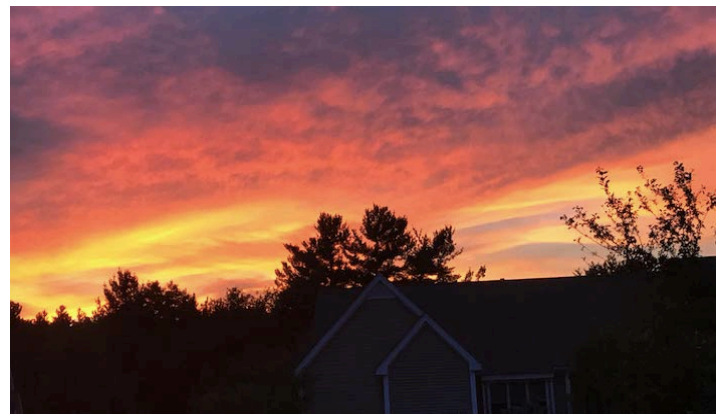
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Another summer sun sets on Sandstone