



# Quarry Bulletin

January – February 2020



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***Please note that this edition of the Quarry Bulletin is only being published electronically.***

In this edition of the Quarry Bulletin you will find the usual VSR announcements but there are also a number of active links to various informational and entertaining websites to help fill your time during these quiet days of working from home or self-quarantine. Hopefully you will find something you like. Also know that if you need assistance at home, all town emergency services are still fully operational. Don't forget, our Helping Hands coordinators, Judy Premru and Louise Tahmoush may also be helpful, definitely worth a call. You can also [email](#) me and I will reach out for the right answers in a timely fashion.

~ Sandy Kelly-editor

## ***Locally...***

Beginning on March 19<sup>th</sup> **MarketBasket** and **Whole Foods** will have early shopping hours for seniors over age 60.

- On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays [MarketBasket](#) will open from 5:30 – 7:00 AM. MarketBasket also offers a shopping service from [InstaCart](#) and they will make your specific purchases and deliver them right to your door. They are offering free delivery the first time.
- [Whole Foods](#) has also started opening with early shopping hours for seniors one hour earlier than the regular opening. We can now enter at 8 AM rather than the usual 9 AM. If you have [Amazon Prime](#) you can also place your order online and have it delivered free of charge. While they usually offer two-hour delivery, they are now backed up and may take as long as several days to deliver.
- Westford's Annual Town Meeting has been postponed until May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Elections might also be rescheduled but need state approval first.
- The town Select Board has now banned groups larger than 10 people.

*On an upbeat note, French Night was a huge success!*



*Bienvenue à la Nuit Française  
VSR 2020*



*Nos Barmen Messieurs Buzz et Larry*



*délicieux apéritifs*



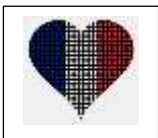
*Soupe à l'oignon française servi notre  
planificateur Jacques Bilodeau*



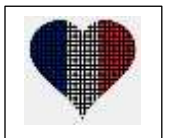
*Dessert Crème Brulee par Buzz*



*à votre santé de Stephanie & Debbie*



*With Thanks to our planners, servers and very hard workers,  
We all had a wonderful evening.*



***Property Update ~ submitted by Dick Martel***  
**2020 Early Spring plans**

**River Birch Program:** In February we successfully removed the 26 River Birch Tree Clusters from around our units. Next on our agenda, we will be grinding, and removing the waste of all the stumps that will not be replaced with new trees. Those stumps will be ground later when the new trees are planted. We are planning to replace at our cost all those trees that were located in front of units. We are also planning to replace those trees which were on the sides of the units at the unit owner's expense. I have already been contacted by a couple of owners who will be replacing trees on the sides. We have a list of approved replacement trees with pictures for both the front and side of units. Any unit owners who have had one of these River Birches removed from the side of their unit and would like a replacement at their cost, please make yourself known.

**Work - Play Day:** Originally planned on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kentucky Derby Day, both events are now cancelled.

**Property Committee Needs Support:** Of late, 70% of our committee, after years working for us have decided to rest their weary bodies. You have seen them over the years organizing, painting, and fixing our stuff on their own time. This has helped to keep our property up to par and our fees (less) high. We would like you to join us at our regular monthly meeting. We can put your skills to use. We are in dire need of a co-chair to help to coordinate jobs and vendors on various repair needs to your homes. We need a person to coordinate work with our landscape company. We also need a few folks to help with minor repairs, brush and small tree removal. We have started this year with a skeleton crew. If things cannot be done by us, like we have done in previous years, we will need to outsource more of it with our management company Evergreen Management Group, impacting our fees.

**Roof Washing** We will be continuing our roof washing program this year in April. We plan to do all the units on Rockwell, Gatecrest and 29 Sandstone week one or two. Notices will go out to the effected homes soon, if not already started.

**Morin's Spring Cleanup** If the weather holds, you may see Morin's guys out there starting the spring cleanup this month.

## ***TRIPLE CROWN ESTATES, PHASE II***

*-Submitted by Frank Bashore*

Many VSR residents have been hearing the pounding of rock-crushing equipment coming from behind the homes on Sandstone Rd during the early winter. Construction has begun on the access road and the eight homes being built adjacent to VSR. We have recently been made aware that there is now in the planning a second phase of that development that will add another seven homes adjacent to the eight Triple Crown Estates initial development.

As some of you may know, our builder, Guthall, LLC, purchased a plot of land in Tyngsborough adjacent to our northwest side and then deeded a 100 ft strip of that land to VSR to provide more land behind some of the homes along Sandstone Rd. The remaining area of that Guthall plot has now come under agreement with the developer of Triple Crown Estates to allow another group of homes to be built to the north of us in what has been a wooded natural hill with several hiking trails. Several of our residents recently attended a Tyngsborough Planning Board meeting where the same Triple Crown developer presented their latest plans for the new development, to be known as Belmont Estates. The plans now call for a dead-end road to connect with the planned road being constructed for Triple Crown Estates and providing access for seven residential homes along that road.

As we witnessed in the meeting, there are a number of difficulties that must be sorted out before this new plan can be approved by the Tyngsborough Planning Board and implemented.



*The accompanying figure shows the Triple Crown Estates plot plan and a rough sketch of the planned plot for the Belmont Estates. Much must be resolved before this new development can be approved. In addition, some of the residents of Daisy Lane, in the housing area to the north of us, have hired a lawyer to represent them in hopes of fighting against this plan. I will be monitoring the progress of this plan as it goes through the initial phase of approvals and will try to keep VSR apprised of its status.*



## BOOK CLUB NEWS

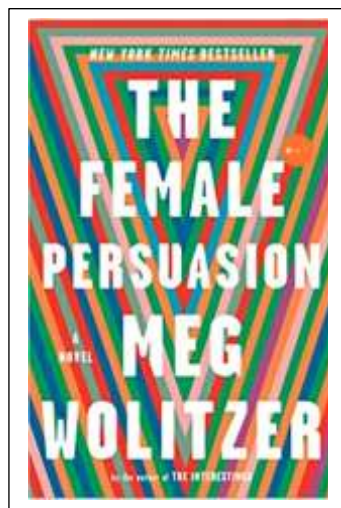
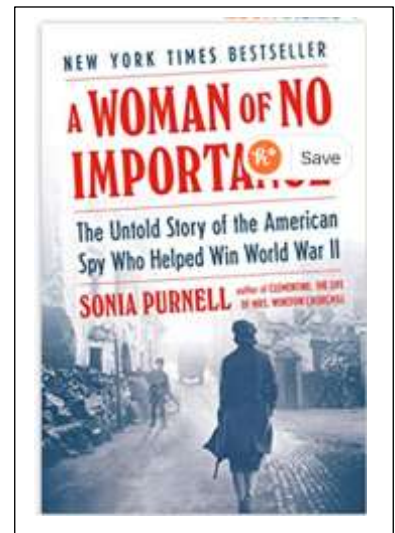
By Dianne Marston



The next VSR Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9. The book to be discussed is *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II* by Sonia Purnell.

"Impressively researched and compellingly written, this brilliant biography puts Virginia Hall--and her prosthetic leg back where they belong: right in the heart of Resistance history" [Clare Mulley]

"What a fascinating story! Sonia Purnell skillfully takes you deep into the covert operations Virginia Hall led in Nazi-occupied France. Readers will find this tale of her cunning and courage riveting." [Douglas Waller]



On May 21 we will discuss *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer. An Amazon Best Book of April 2018 " Meg Wolitzer sets her sights on female friendship and mentorship, and the craving to be heard and admired by the one you admire. It's a rich and satisfying novel – it will be called timely – about Greer Kadetsky, a young woman coming of age and finding inspiration in feminist icon, Faith Frank, who evolves throughout the novel from abstract celebrity, to boss, confidant and challenger who pushes Greer to confront reality." [Amazon.com Review]

"Uncannily timely, a prescient marriage of subject and moment that addresses a great question of the day: how feminism passes down, or not, from one generation to the next." [The New York Times]

All are welcome to attend these meetings!! Refreshments in the Clubhouse at 1:00.  
Discussion in the Library at 1:30.

*Please watch for possible changes for upcoming discussions*

## ***So, what are you doing these days???***

*Ramblings from Sandy*

I am sure you have all been impacted by the terrible news each day about the spreading virus and potential to affect family, friends and neighbors. While I find myself trying not to play word games all day or reading that pile of library books, I have to admit I am finally doing things I have always complained I do not have time to do. I got my hall closet totally reorganized! I have started going through my bedroom closets and have filled two big bags for St. Vincent de Paul. They are now waiting in my trunk to be delivered. All this just makes me wonder if I dare go upstairs and finally look through the boxes I still haven't unpacked? I mean after thirteen years should I even bother?

***But instead, if you have a library card let me share some diversions for you...***

- Click on this library link: [westfordlibrary.org](http://westfordlibrary.org)
- Go to the drop-down menu that says ECOLLECTIONS and click on [OverDrive](#)
- Scroll down the page until you come to all the magazines and books that are available for you to read on your kindle, tablet, laptop or computer!
- Click on what you want to read. Your log in is your library card number. Your PIN number is the last 4 digits of your phone number unless you have changed it to a personal password.

Want free videos and documentaries instead? Go back to ECOLLECTIONS and click on [Kanopy](#). Same process to log in.

Maybe it's time to do that genealogy research you haven't had time to start. One of the research databases that you can access from home with your library card is called [Heritage Quest](#).

***Don't have a library card? [Email me](#) and I will arrange to get you one! Though the library is closed until further notice, as an employee I will be able to help.***

The library's book drops and interlibrary loan services are now locked or unavailable. If you have library books just hold on to them. Westford does not charge fines and all libraries in the Merrimack Valley Library System are closed.

### ***Can't find what you want at our library?***

Did you know that because you live in Massachusetts you can use the Boston Public Library? Anyone can get a [BPL eCard](#)! They have even more ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music and exciting things to download. Go to <https://www.bpl.org/> and then to the dropdown menu for Books and More!

## [Virtual Travel...](#)

Visit museums, landmarks and see amazing performances from around the world, including from the Metropolitan Opera!

## ***Fun to share with your grandchildren...***

With schools and libraries closed, parents and grandparents are looking for ideas to entertain and educate their children. Once again our own [JV Fletcher Library](#) has some online resources for children. Take a look at [Tumblebooks](#). *These links will work while in other towns as well!*

The links on the page fall under these tabs, each has a drop down menu. *Check them out.*



They include books to read or listen to, videos for a variety of ages, including current and award-winning titles, and different changing “stories of the day.”

## ***Places you can visit online to see animals, wonders of the world and meet some cool authors:***

- New England Aquarium will be hosting [live presentations](#), and activities to try from home.
- Take a virtual visit to the San Diego Zoo, the Georgia Aquarium or the Smithsonian National Zoo that have active webcams
- Stacey Peasely has [30-40 minute online sing alongs](#) on YouTube for kids ages 5 and under!
- Massachusetts kid’s author Mo Willems, who writes the *Pigeon*, and *Elephant and Piggie* books, is hosting a [live interactive doodle session](#) every Monday at 1:00 pm for lunch time doodles!
- Another award winning MA author Jarrett Krosoczka is also homeschooling his own 3 children and presenting [Draw Everyday](#) on YouTube.
- There are many more here: [Authors Everywhere!](#)



*Sandy, Barb and Harriet trying to untangle at knitting... Team work!*



*Waiting patiently until these Girl Scouts can deliver the new collection box they built for us.*

## A French Night Surprise



Happy Birthday Roger



Sung by Phyllis

Check the calendar for any changes and times to verify upcoming events:

<https://www.villageatstoneridge.com/calendar/>

### Upcoming Events at the Clubhouse

Social Committee Meetings are

2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 pm

Please join us!

#### Looking Ahead and TBD:

April 9	Book Group Discussion
May 5	Taco & Tequilla Tuesday
May 21	Book Group Discussion
May 25	Memorial Day Cookout
June 3	Garden Planter Workshop
June 10	Men's Steak & Ale night
June 10	Ladies Night at Bamboo
June 14	Flag Day Happy Hour with performance by the Upbeats
July 5	Ice Cream Social
September 7	Poker Run
October 24	Country Western Night

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