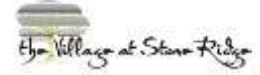




Quarry Bulletin

January - February, 2021



Good Bye 2020!

Out with the old? Well not quite...

Residents will still need to follow protocols to safely distance, wear a mask, wash hands, etc. The new year brings hope that receiving a Covid immunization shot will increase our resistance to the disease and enable families and friends to safely gather more freely in the near future.

Frustration still remains for those attempting to schedule appointments but lowering the age to 65 and over has increased the chances of more Villagers receiving the shot. Many here have travelled as far as Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Danvers and Roxbury.

Welcome 2021...

We could not hold our traditional New Year's Eve party or the annual New Year Day Brunch but we did not miss an opportunity to celebrate with a Cocktail Party using our new style of gathering. Zoom! About 50 households, along with their pets and of course cocktails, dropped in and out for several hours.



Cheers



A Message from the President

As we approach the waning days of winter, there is some hope that spring will bring better and more social days. More of our residents have successfully navigated the vaccination maze and have had their first or second shot or have made their appointments. The Board has started looking into air filtration systems for the Clubhouse and we will provide updates on this and other Covid-19 issues in upcoming Blasts.



Neil Horwitz

Board Meetings

The Board continues to hold its monthly meetings on Zoom. These meetings have been well attended and I'm happy to even see residents who rarely came to meetings when they were held at the Clubhouse. Thanks go to Sandy for efficiently scheduling and administering these meetings.

Changes to Documents

To further communicate changes to our Policies & Procedures and Rules & Regulations, each Quarry Bulletin will reference changes made during the time from the last publication. Thanks to Dave Auld and Peg Martin documents are updated and posted on the Village website.

Policies & Procedures

The policy "not to do a Blast or post an obituary in the mailroom regarding the death of a resident unless requested by a relative of the deceased" was deleted. As obituaries are public information, the Board believed this policy was unnecessary.

Rules & Regulations

The Board received requests to be placed on the Priority Snowplowing List this season. It was felt that an official rule should be made so that residents know the standards for being placed on this list. The current list will be reviewed by the Board next Winter. The Board approved the following:

29. Priority Plowing of Driveways

It Is the policy of the Board that priority plowing of driveways should only be permitted where the homeowner has a demonstrated need to get in or out of the driveway during a snow emergency. This designation must be approved by the Board and is for residents who are first responders, emergency medical workers, on-call doctors, emergency utility workers, essential emergency town employees or other emergency situations. The Priority List should be reviewed and updated every two years.

During the last couple of snow storms, a car was parked overnight in one of the spaces in front of the Clubhouse. Parking in front of the Clubhouse or on the streets impedes snow removal. The snow that remains after the resident clears his or her car often freezes

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presenting a dangerous situation to residents. Furthermore, in front of the clubhouse are covers for underground tanks that are part of our waste treatment system. These must always be readily accessible in the event that the tanks need to be pumped out. The Board approved the following revisions (in **bold**) to our Rules on Parking:

10. Vehicular Operations – Parking

*~~No~~ Long term overnight (11:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M.) parking **or parking during a snow storm** on the streets **and in the spaces in front of the Clubhouse** is **not** allowed. Arrangements to remove vehicles from the streets to permit unimpeded access by emergency vehicles and for snow removal are the responsibility of the Unit Owner. All wheels must be on paved surfaces when parked at VSR. No parking on grassed or landscaped areas is permitted.*

*The Managing Agent has the authority to remove any vehicle at the Unit Owner's expense if the violation continues ten (10) days after written notification to the Unit Owner, except that in the event of snow or other emergency, vehicles left parked on the street **or in front of the Clubhouse** will be towed, without warning or notice, at the Unit Owner's risk and expense.*

Visitor Parking

In discussing the above parking rule revisions, a resident brought up the issue of visitor parking. Previous Boards have considered this and we will again revisit it. If you have any suggestions as to where we might allow visitor parking, feel free to email [me](#) or [Sandy](#).

Covid Vaccinations

If you haven't yet been able to make an appointment for your vaccination, please be patient. More sites and additional appointments will be opening in the days ahead and there should be a greater distribution of vaccines. We will provide additional information in Blasts. If you have changed your primary email address or have not been getting Blast emails recently contact [Sandy](#).

If you have received your one or two vaccinations – congratulations!

And to all – please continue masking, social distancing and Stay Safe –

Spring is around the corner!



Photos by David Auld

Property Committee

Even during winter there are jobs to be done and planning for spring.

Our resident Property Committee Manager, Dick Martel is already planning ahead. Regardless of the Covid situation there are thoughts in the works to hold what we traditionally have called Work, Play, Day. We generally plan it on Kentucky Derby Day which this year is May 1st. Weather permitting, we will try to get everyone out and about the neighborhood walking and picking up trash and checking our trails, some work will be done on walkways, possibly patios and signage. Watch for sign-up sheets in the mailroom. We will be looking for leaders and followers to create the groups. It is unlikely we will be doing any interior work on the clubhouse at that time and if we are lucky we will have a professional sanitation company provide a thorough cleaning before it fully reopens. Watch your email blasts for future updates. The *play* part of that day is also under consideration and dependent on local state restrictions.

Signage

When weather improves, property will be inspecting VSR signage, there are still 11 old style posts left. They will decide if there is need to update them all at once or continue as needed.

Roof Washing

Nine units will be done at the beginning of April. They are 16, 18, 20, 29 Sandstone, 2 Gatecrest and 45, 47, 49 & 51 Stone Ridge.

Pest Control

Work Orders for Foundation Spraying and Beaver control will be requested ASAP. Beaver control needs to be done before they become active and foundation spraying should be done early April.

Roof Replacements

Property will be looking to form a committee to prepare a final specification for roof replacements where needed. It may be necessary to replace some of our roofs long before the planned life. An up-to-date specification will also support the financial plan in this to proceed.

Decks and bulkheads will be inspected as soon as the weather permits so we can plan our painting and repairs for the season. Thank you to Dick Martel and Fred Palmer who will do this.

Fireplace need servicing? ~ *This info has been provided by Buzz McArdle*

The VSR Fireplace model number can be located on a card inside the fireplace, it is attached by a chain. Just open the bottom grid, and you will find it. You need the **model number** to get service and parts.

For service contact **All-in-One & Moore** at 508-719-8781 or 1-800-675-2334. They may initially say they don't service VSR but just remind them they installed these units in 2004. The service manager's name is Don. For parts contact Mike Donahue 1-443-951-5831 and mention Don from All-in-One & Moore.

Got a leak? ~ This resource was sent by Peter Abate

This information, in part was in the Quarry bulletin of Feb., 2017.

Leaky faucets can waste anywhere between one gallon to 5 gallons of water per day. (10 drops per minute or 1 drop per second.) If it is the hot water that is leaking, you are also paying to heat the water. Most of the bathroom faucets in VSR are American Standard. At one time American Standard would honor their lifetime warranty and ship replacement valve cartridges at no cost. This company has been acquired by another company and asks for the original sales receipt. The builder or plumber, if they can be reached, has them. In the past, I have purchased replacement valve cartridges at Home Depot and for a while they have been working fine. Last year I had a plumber replace the valve cartridge in our bathroom since the one I purchased at Home Depot did not work. He advised that the ones in the big box stores are not a good fit.

Recently I had another leak and purchased a replacement valve on Amazon and it worked well. The part number is 994053-0070A. The replacement valve can be used for either hot water or cold water. There is a silver colored stop washer that determines if it is hot or cold. This may be required to be rotated 90 degrees by removing and then replacing the spring clip.

Check toilets for leaking flapper valves by putting dye tablets or food coloring in the tank. Wait a few hours to see if the color flows into the bowl. If the toilet flushes when not used, the flapper is probably leaking. (Phantom flushing)



To schedule a Covid test - As the number of available doses increases more appointments will become available. You will need to check regularly for updates. Click on the link below to search locally.

In Lowell, on Pawtucket Blvd. Currently reporting more appointments to be added <https://www.lowellgeneralvaccine.com/>

Type in the zip code and the list will narrow down to options closest to home. <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov>

[CVS in Massachusetts](#) now offers the vaccine and also **free Covid tests**.

And around town...there were only 52 turkeys in this yard!
Yes, I really stopped and counted them. *Photos by Sandy Kelly*



*Knitting, crochet, handcrafts meets each Monday at 1pm
thanks to Harriet Shanzer*



*~ Welcome to Book Group ~
Organized by Dianne Marston, Hostess is Paula Wood*





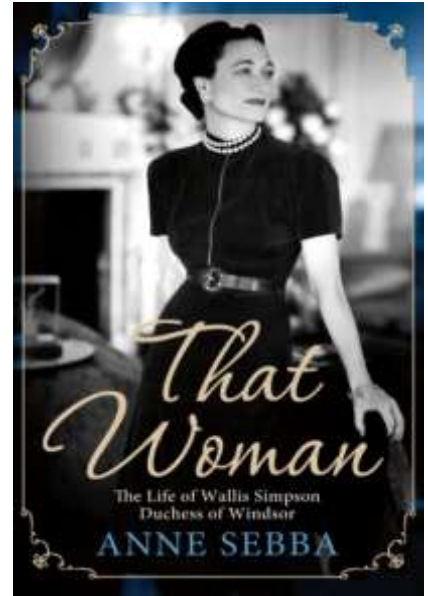
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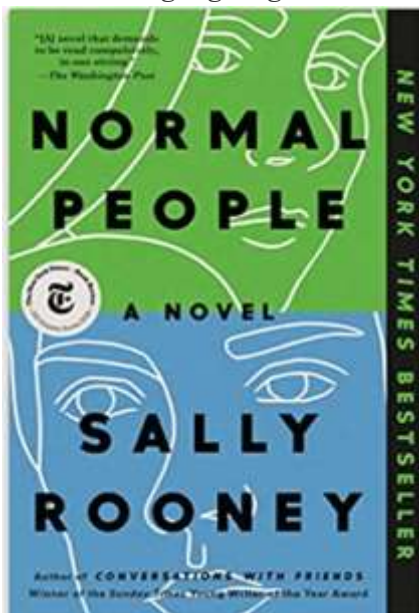
Since the Clubhouse has been closed, we have held our meetings via Zoom. We sincerely thank Paula Wood for facilitating this for us. Approximately 15-20 members tune in at each meeting, some from far-off places.

Our March 4 meeting will feature *That Woman: The Life of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor* by Anne Sebba. Historian Anne Sebba sheds light on the fascinating and enigmatic American divorcee who nearly became the Queen of England. Born in Baltimore in 1896, Bessie Wallis Warfield overcame her impoverished childhood with a desire to rise above her circumstances....and rise she did, eventually becoming involved with Edward VIII, who gave up his throne and empire for her. As time went on it became apparent that she was a symbol of empowerment, whose aim was to win in the game of life.



We meet again on April 15 and will discuss a book by Sally Rooney, *Normal People*.

"Connell and Marianne grew up in the same small town, but the similarities end there. At school, Connell is popular and well liked, while Marianne is a loner. But when the two strike up a conversation—awkward but electrifying—something life changing begins.



A year later, they're both studying at Trinity College in Dublin. Marianne has found her feet in a new social world while Connell hangs at the sidelines, shy and uncertain. Throughout their years at university, Marianne and Connell circle one another, straying toward other people and possibilities but always magnetically, irresistibly drawn back together. And as she veers into self-destruction and he begins to search for meaning elsewhere, each must confront how far they are willing to go to save the other.

Normal People is the story of mutual fascination, friendship and love. It takes us from that first conversation to the years beyond, in the company of two people who try to stay apart but find that they can't." [from the book cover]

All are welcome to join us as we delve into these very interesting books! We gather on Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on the dates listed above.



Welcome to ...

*Joy Hamel
53 Stone Ridge Road*

&

*Peter and Mary Beth O'Connell
24 Highland Road*

&

*Quyen Trinh and An Van Ton
9 Gatecrest*

*Who should you call at
Evergreen Management Company?*

John Gustin, Association Manager:
Board of Directors contact/liaison,
Budgetary issues, and general property
questions or issues.

Email: jgustin@evergreenmgt.com
(603) 782-7695

**Sharon Poisson, Association
Administrator:** General questions,
parking, notices, landscaping and snow
removal issues and rule information.
E-mail: spoisson@evergreenmgt.com
(603) 782-7670



Snow Plowing Damage

It is inevitable that some damage might occur from snow plowing by Morin's. In this situation, please email our Property Manager: [Dick Martel](mailto:dickmartel@morin.com) and send a copy to [Sandy Kelly](mailto:sandykelly@morin.com). Please include a photo of the damage if possible.



***The Difference our
Volunteers Make...***

***Have you noticed the new
solar lights at our entrance?***

Thank you to Deborah Connolly for the suggestion and Tom Sangiolo for making it really happen.

Thank Doug Craib if you see him.

After giving much of his personal time to the Village, Doug has stepped down from the Finance Committee and as Comptroller for the Property Committee

You can help too!

- We still need someone to adopt the role of: Architectural Standards Committee Chair
- A resident to monitor the Irrigation System
- New members for the Property Committee and possibly Finance Committee, [ask](#) about others.

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