



# Quarry Bulletin

May - June, 2022



## Memorial Day 2022

The weather was perfect as the clubhouse finally reopened for social events, rentals and a Memorial Day celebration and cookout. The day opened with a lovely flag ceremony led by Frank Bashore, followed by a cookout on the patio.

Frank began his touching tribute with comments about the war in Ukraine, “Never in our lifetime have we been such a real-time witness to this wanton theft of a people’s homeland and freedom. This is what Memorial Day is really about.

This last Monday in May we gather to honor the men and women who so bravely risked life and limb in the face of grave danger in defense of our country. We remember those who left the comforts of home to fight for us and never returned.

The men and women who have given their lives in service to our nation are indisputably heroes. When their country called, they answered. Some volunteered and some were drafted, but each took it upon him or herself to serve faithfully and to their fullest.

To recognize their service and sacrifice, we must ensure these individuals are never forgotten, and that their actions stay alive in our memories and in our hearts. We must remember among the food and drink and camaraderie we share here today that this is the real reason we are gathered here.

Let us now observe a moment of silence to honor those brave men and women and let us also take a moment to remember the cherished friends and neighbors we have lost here in our village this year,

Bill Nussbum, Wendy Wolfberg, David Auld, Charlotte Hall, Irene Boucher,  
Evelyn Estridge and Gordon Wood.”

After a solemn start the festivities were enjoyed by some 35 attendees, many of who had not seen each other in a long time and even a number of folks we haven’t had the opportunity to meet yet. Special thanks to our Social Committee organizers, those who contributed delicious appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts. A wonderful time was had by all.



Grill Chefs: Paul Hamel & Emmett Clemente. Special Treats by Eileen Konuk & Linda Barry

And a special Happy 90<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday to Louise O'Donnell





## An exciting and valuable opportunity for you



*~submitted by Judy Culver*

The Architectural Standards and Review Committee (ASR) at VSR is in need of a new members as many previous members have moved on. The purpose of this committee is to assist in maintaining the VSR's pleasing aesthetic which helped convince many of us to move here.

ASR procedures are clearly defined, making this an ideal committee for new and longtime residents to join.

For almost 20 years, the ASR Committee has been keeping an eagle eye on the many and varied additions and modifications which unit owners would like to make to their unit's interior or exterior. Condominium living has brought a new view of property ownership to many of us. We control the interior of our units, but not the exterior or the grounds near our unit. Any changes we may wish to make to the unit exterior or in some cases, the unit interior, must comply with existing VSR policy, regulations, and ASR specifications.

Since any unit change requires an ASR recommendation before the Board of Trustees can act on it, ASR members have created detailed procedural specifications to which the unit owner and contractor must adhere. To date, there are specifications for 21 types of unit modifications.

So many unique and routine modifications have been approved over the years that there cannot be too many more types possible, **BUT** if there are, the ASR members will continue to create an appropriate specification and then work with each unit owner to define the procedures to be followed. After a thorough review of the owner's request, ASR makes a recommendation to the Trustees for their action.

**New ASR members are needed to continue this important and very interesting work.**

Over the years I have learned what a bollard is, how ADA affects deck changes, how much clearance Morin lawnmowers need, how to muffle the sound of emergency generators, and the difference between Common Property and Limited Common Property.

ASR review processes generally work smoothly. Meetings are rare now with many routine requests reviewed and voted via email. The VSR website has links to all VSR and ASR policies, regulations, and procedures

Perhaps as important as gaining new members is that ASR needs a new Chair. I have been on ASR since its inception in 2005 and am stepping down. I am incredibly proud of the effort and fine work of all present and past ASR members. As an ASR member, you will be part of many interesting, challenging, and creative discussions as you continue keeping ASR the attractive community that it is today.

Please contact members Paul Hamel, Steve Currier, Peter Wyman, Tom Sangiolo or myself to discuss joining ASR. Judith Culver, Chair [Judith.culver@comcast.net](mailto:Judith.culver@comcast.net), 978-692-7433-home 978-239-4188-cell

### ***Congratulations to Larkin Chenault...***

Larkin Chenault, 6 Stone Ridge Road, was recently elected chair of the VSR. Architectural Standards Committee, effective September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Larkin and his wife Martha moved to the Village last September to be nearer to grandchildren in Chelmsford, after living the previous 11 years in Farmington, CT. Larkin has been a Kentucky lawyer since 1978, last serving as executive director of the Connecticut Bar Association. The Chenaults retired in 2017.



As chair, Larkin plans to continue the refinement of Committee procedures, in coordination with the Property Committee, previewing and mediating proposed unit improvements to ensure consistency with Association architectural standards. He invites other unit owners to join the Committee's efforts to help all members improve their units more efficiently and creatively, within the discretion of the Board.

## Property Committee

~submitted by Dick Martel



Our Village at Stone Ridge is in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year I think, and since we (us owners) took over our association, we have had the benefit of many owners helping us on their own time in various committees and individually in the support and care of our village.

Some of us are visible. You can see our board of trustees on “zoom” once a month. You might see me and some of my property team members out in your yard or in your home investigation or fixing issues. There are a number of others who work in the background which in the long run keeps the property looking good and running properly at the best cost to us owners. There is a list of these committees and members in the back of the Village phone directory.

On the property committee we have a ½ dozen members who manage various areas on the property. We also have another ½ dozen or so who attend out monthly meetings and stand ready to jump in at any time to do things here for us which we otherwise would have to hire outside contractors to do. I am pleased to note that at our last meeting, we had 2 new residents who have joined us and stand ready to lend a hand as needed. They are Larkin Chenault at 6 Stone Ridge and Mark Roberts at 36 Stone Ridge. Welcome! We look forward to having more of our newcomers join the group. I can be contacted at [dick\\_martel@yahoo.com](mailto:dick_martel@yahoo.com).

It is difficult to say exactly how much our volunteers and home owners who do work around their own property save us all each year in our fees. I do not ordinarily like to call out any one individual, because there are so many deserving others, however, my friend and fellow member Fred Palmer, does a great deal for us. This year, he repaired +30 front walks, scraped and painted a ½ dozen bulkheads, and you may have noticed him down working on the wall at the bridge entrance to the property repairing loose stones. When he is not fixing/painting things for us, he is ready to manage any sprinkler issues you might have with the Morin’s repair team. Thank you, Fred!

This will be my last year in a chair position on the Property Committee. It is time for me to step down and let a younger person do the management. I intend to remain on the property committee and support our volunteer efforts.

## Work, Play, Day, May 7th



*Kitchen Crew: Dorothy Gaumer, Ina Pollock, Ann Kerwin, Pam Gillespie, Window duty: Paul Gillespie Trash pickup: Judi Gilmartin, Painter: Jayne Currier, Touch up prep: Paul Gillespie and Mark Roberts, Reorganizing: Sandy Kelly*

*With ‘thanks’ to event organizer Buzz McArdle*



## *The fun and frivolity lives on....*

### ***Men's Steak Night***

*~submitted by Paul Currier*

Thirty-six village men attended this year's 12<sup>th</sup> Men's Steak Night at the clubhouse. Attendees began arriving at 5:00pm on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

The weather cleared and the patio was arranged with tables and chairs for appetizers & beer, wine & soft drinks. It was nice to meet and greet several newcomers to the village. Also invited guests returned to socialize with old friends and relive memories of living at the village.

Chefs, Buzz McArdle & Jack Gilmartin fired up the grills and started cooking the ever - popular Kielbasa. Along with Kielbasa, shrimp cocktail was abundantly available to wet our appetites.

The rib eye steaks and chicken began grilling around 6:15. There's nothing like the smell of steaks on the grill! Everyone started eating in the clubhouse about 15-20 minutes later as steaks and chicken arrived on platters on tables set up in the clubhouse. Baked potatoes, cole-slaw and baked beans accompanied the entrees. There was plenty of food for the hungry men.

Four different desserts were next on the table. While eating dessert, tickets were sold for the 50/50 raffle. This year's raffle winners were Ken Hyle, who selected the \$60.00 gift certificate to Burton's Grill. Peter Abate won the \$95.00 cash prize. Men's 2022 steak night was another success. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to socialize while eating and drinking at our charming clubhouse. The event ended around 8:00 pm.

An evening like this takes many to help make it a success. Thanks to everyone for your help and support.

Event planners & coordinators – Ken Hyle, Ron Caterino, Paul Currier

Clubhouse set up crew – Peter Abate, Dick Coleman Steve Currier, Dom Defronzo, Bob Eddy, Fred Palmer, Bill Townsend

Master chefs – Buzz McArdle & Jack Gilmartin

Baked potato cooks – Peter Abate, Ken Hyle, & Paul Currier

Shrimp & dessert prep – Ron Caterino

Home - made baked beans – Jack Bilodeau

Home – made cole - slaw – Paul Currier

Raffle coordinators – Dick Coleman & Fred Palmer

Raffle prizes & scratch tickets – Ken Hyle

Clubhouse pick up crew – Everyone

Kitchen clean up – Peter Abate, Ken Hyle, Ron Caterino, Paul Currier.

\*\*\* Hope to see everyone back again in 2023!!



*And, Ladies had their own evening too...*



*Back at  
Bamboo*

Thanks to fine planning of Stephanie Tocci and Debbie Rorke the wine flowed steadily, the appetizers were delicious and the buffet dinner was excellent, and there were no dishes to wash! The staff was attentive and we enjoyed having our own private space in the restaurant. Cheers!

## ***GAY NINETIES CELEBRATION***

*~submitted by Ken Hyle*

The Westford Council on Aging hosted its' Thirty Third Annual Gay Nineties Celebration at the Westford Regency Hotel. The luncheon event honors those Westford residents that are ninety years of age and or older. This year, thirty-eight residents attended the celebration. Among those in attentions were four of our "Villagers"



***90 decades***  
*Roger Boucher*  
*Phyllis Duggan*  
*Louise O'Donnell*  
*Harry Fardy*

Phyllis also entertained the guest by singing a few songs that were appreciated by all.

## ***A SPECIAL THANK YOU***

The Social Committee would like to gratefully thank Loretta Auld for her recent generous donation to the Social Committee. Loretta has made this donation in the memory of her late husband David Auld. When I spoke with Loretta, she stressed how much David loved everything about living in the Village. He loved, the people, the many committees he worked with, but most of all he enjoyed the fun social activities.

Loretta feels “the Social Committee is vital for the VSR community to connect and have fun and work together.”

We are touched by this generous donation and will use it wisely for upcoming events.

Thank you, Loretta.

Your Social Committee and your VSR neighbors and friends.



## ***Defibrillator Training Update***

Ed Regan, Jack Bilodeau’s son-in-law, and the owner of Chiron Safety Group, provided updated CPR training to the residents listed below. Participants also were familiarized with use of our clubhouse defibrillator. Make note of a few of your neighbors and add them to your phone contacts. In case of a medical emergency ALWAYS first call 911, then contact the neighbor to assist you. Ed emphasized that starting CPR as soon as needed is a life saving measure. We appreciated Ed’s time and efficient presentation.



*Ed Regan*

### **Thank you to**

Linda Barry  
Jayne Currier  
Dorothy Gaumer & Fred Jean  
Susan Hill  
Doug Keele  
Ann & Steve Kerwin  
Carolyn & Fred Palmer  
Daryl Shackleton

Contact information is available in the Village Directory. If you need help with access contact [vsrsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:vsrsecretary@gmail.com).

**FREE** Covid test kits are now available at the JV Fletcher Library. Just stop by the reference desk in the Information Services Department. They will give you two just for the asking.

*“The first wealth is health.”  
Ralph Waldo Emerson*



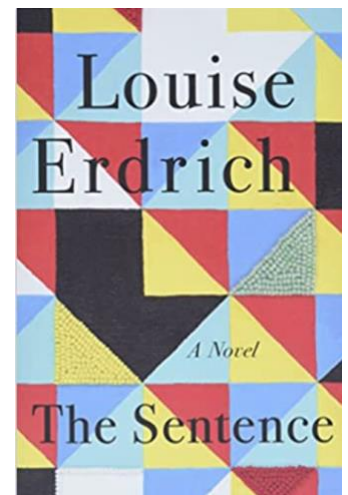
**BOOK CLUB NEWS**  
By *Dianne Marston*



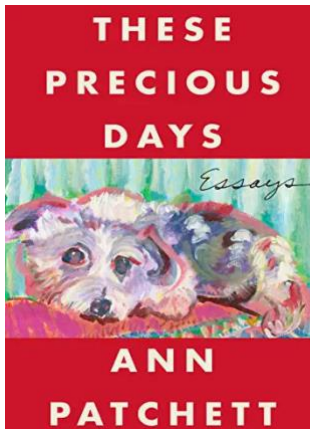
For the last 2+ years our VSR Book Club has met on Zoom. Beginning with our Sept. 29 meeting we will once again meet in the Clubhouse Library! We will also attempt to Zoom the meeting for those who are unable to be present in person. As always, all Villagers are welcome to attend!

Our August 18 meeting (still on Zoom) will feature a discussion of ***The Sentence*** by Louise Erdrich beginning at 1:00 p.m.

An Amazon Best Book of November 2021: "Flora, an independent bookstore's most burdensome customer, is even more exasperating in death, deciding to haunt her favorite haunt, Birchbark Books. The name of this beloved indie will be familiar to many Minneapolitans, as it's the real-life bookstore run by Louise Erdrich, who plays a supporting role in this love letter to books and bookstore culture. It's also no ordinary ghost story, as the motley crew of characters, who effortlessly endear themselves to you despite their shortcomings (and maybe because of them), reckons with profound wounds, both self-inflicted and societal. Readers, this novel just might compel you to confront some of your own, as well. That's what the best books do" . —Erin Kodicek, Amazon Editor



*The Sentence* begins on All Souls' Day 2019 and ends on All Souls' Day 2020. Its mystery and proliferating ghost stories during this one year propel a narrative as rich, emotional, and profound as anything Louise Erdrich has written.



On Sept. 29 we will once again have refreshments and socializing in the Clubhouse beginning at 1:00 p.m. At 1:30 we will begin our discussion of Ann Patchett's book, ***These Precious Days***.

"*These Precious Days*, Anne Patchett's memoir in essays, examines the importance of crucial relationships between family and friends, aging and death, and the writing life" [Goodreads]

"At the center of this book is the title essay, a surprising and moving meditation on an unexpected friendship that explores "what it means to be seen, to find someone with whom you can be your best and most complete self." Patchett connects life and art as she illuminates what matters most. Infused with the author's grace, wit, and warmth, the pieces in *These Precious Days* resonate deep in the soul, leaving an indelible mark—and demonstrate why Ann Patchett is one of the most celebrated writers of our time." [Amazon]

Our Book Club invites you to add your favorite book titles to our ballot which we will vote on for upcoming discussions. Please send the title and a book description, easily found online, to [ms.sandyk@gmail.com](mailto:ms.sandyk@gmail.com). There is no obligation to lead the discussion.



*John & Sandra Napolitano  
59 Stone Ridge Road*



**Meetings, Social Events and Exercise Classes** are always listed on our VSR calendar at [villageatstoneridge.com](http://villageatstoneridge.com)

Trustee meetings are generally at 7pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (as follows) and are open to all residents. To date, meetings are currently scheduled to be held on Zoom. The meeting link is emailed to residents in a blast email the Friday before the meeting. Be sure we have your up to date email address or contact [vsrsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:vsrsecretary@gmail.com), or call Sandy for help.

**Upcoming Board Meetings**

July 26, August 23, September 28  
October 25, November 22, December 27

**Village Annual Meeting**

September 28

**Annual Finance Meeting**

November 2, at 7 pm

**Upcoming Social Events**

**Hawaiian Luau**

July 23 at 6 pm

**Pizza at the Pond, Labor Day Picnic at the Park.** Watch the bulletin board for details

**Thank you** to Larry Leif who once again made the mosquito spraying happen this June

**When a Friendly Hawk Comes to Greet You on the Deck!!**



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